**Italy's Crisis** 

Deepens as

Berlusconi

Faces Judges

He's Questioned 7 Hours

On Bribery Allegations;

Coalition Is Weakening

By Alan Cowell

New York Times Service ROME -- With their land awash in

crisis, Italians confronted their latest dra-

ma Tuesday as Prime Minister Silvio Ber-

lusconi spent more than seven hours under

interrogation by magistrates who suspect

about whether he knew of money paid to the tax police by executives of his huge and

indebted Fininvest empire on three occa-

sions between 1989 and 1991, before he

entered politics. The length of the interro-

gation suggested that magistrates were

pressing the prime minister to confront

and explain what they say is evidence of

sufficient gravity to warrant their suspi-

In a statement issued by his office to

news agencies after the interview, Mr. Ber-

lusconi said the investigation "is based,

incredibly, on a theory devoid of any firm

"There are no witnesses," the statement said, "nor any other valid items of docu-mentary proof." It called the allegations

Mr. Berlusconi added that he "firmly

He earlier protested his innocence in a front-page letter published in Il Sole-24 Ore that took a swipe at the growing ranks of his enemies, including the big-business

elite that he left for politics last January.

"I am going to be questioned with my head held high and certain to the core that I'm right," the letter declared in what seemed a further sortie in the prime minis-

ter's unfolding battle for political survival.

and not in any way," the letter said, echo-

ing previous statements in which Mr. Ber-

lusconi has sworn his innocence on the

heads of his children. But the very specta-

seemed certain to fuel calls from both the

opposition and members of his own coali-

Since Italy's best-known anti-graft in-

vestigator, Antonio Di Pietro, resigned last week, Mr. Beriusconi's woes have expand-His two principal coalition partners -

the Northern League and the once-loyal

National Alliance - are predicting a gov-

ernment crisis within weeks. Economic re-

form programs have slipped badly, and the

country's currency and bond markets are

under fierce attack by traders sensing a

judiciary, one of the country's most senior

appeals court judges. Arnaldo Valente,

quit Monday to protest accusations by newspapers and politicians that he favored

Mr. Berlusconi in his handling of a key

Magistrates in Milan and Palermo.

moreover, are in open revolt against what they call political interference by the jus-

tice minister, Alfredo Biondi, who has sent

inspectors to scour their offices for evi-

dence of improprieties in their crusades

And Mr. Berlusconi's exchanges with his adversaries are becoming ever more acerbic. When he called Italy's political

theater a farce, the Northern League lead-

er, Umberto Bossi, shot back that if it was

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Deepening a sense of crisis within the

tion for his exit from office.

government collapse.

corruption case.

"I have never corrupted anybody, never

intended not to give up the task" of gov-

"totally arbitrary deductions."

erning Italy.

Mr. Berlusconi was questioned in Milan

him of corruption.

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### Chechnya Rebels Face 'War Without Limits'

### Fighting Intensifies as Russian Forces Near the Breakaway Enclave's Capital

By Lee Hockstader

SLIPTSOVSKAYA CROSSROADS, Russia - In the three years since communism's collapse, Russia has stepped into a number of wars on its periphery — some quick and brutal, as in Moldova, others drawn-out and tangled, as in Taiikistan All have been small conflicts of relatively low intensity, until this week.

Russia's thrust into the breakaway region of Chechnya is a wholly different kind of war. Here, the full fury of one of the world's mightiest armies is bearing down from three sides on a tiny, land-locked

It is a frightening spectacle. A visit Tuesday to areas near the fighting on Chechnya's western front made it clear that Moscow was pulling no punches in ending the rebel region's three-year-old claim to inde-

As assault belicopters raced low overhead to avoid ground fire, long columns of light tanks, artillery pieces and armored personnel carriers rumbled toward the Chechen border, about 10 kilometers (six miles) away. Many of the Russian troops wore ski masks over their faces against the

"It's a disaster," said Musa Aushov, 30, a factory worker who fled the Chechen capital, Grozny. "This is war without limits."

For now, the Russian strategy is apparently to lock Grozny in a stranglehold and force the Chechens to negotiate under the barrel of a gun. The Chechens, for all their bravado and defiance, are unlikely to be able to hold out for long against a full-scale Russian assault on the city of

While the Russians are capable of storming Grozny, they may not be able to do so without inflicting huge casualties, including civilian deaths and injuries. That would have a perhaps unbearably high cost at home, where it would enrage Russians across the political spectrum and inflame the already hostile, unsettled Caucasus re-

Abroad, a bloodbath in Chechnya would likely do severe damage to Moscow's image, despite public statements from Western leaders that Chechnya is Russia's internal affair.

On Tuesday, war planes streaked high in the air on their way to Grozny against a backdrop of jagged mountains. Fires were seen burning on hillsides that had been hit by artillery or rocket rounds.

From the front came the sound of enormous explosions and the crackle of small arms fire, as well as reports that the Russians were steadily pushing their way through Chechen defenses in heavy fighting. Helicopters bearing wounded Russian

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Chechen fighters hiding under a bridge Tuesday near Grozny to avoid shelling by advancing Russian troops.

### Castro, 'Last Rebel,' Warms to New Rapport With Washington

By Tim Golden and Larry Rohter New York Times Service

HAVANA - The Summit of the Americas had just ended in Miami, and President Bill Clinton and his counterparts from 33 other countries were heading triumphantly home. At a long table in the Palace of the Revolution in Havana, the man not invited, Fidel Castro, argued that Cuba's exclusion had been their oss, not his.

"If the summit of Miami was a great show, it would have been a better show if I had been there," he said. grinning through the beard.

"We are the last rebels," he said of his Communist government, "That was no meeting for rebels."

Three weeks before the Cuban revolution is to celebrate its 36th anniversary, Mr. Castro, 68, was looking a little older and perhaps feeling a little more isolated than he was willing to let on. But if that worried him, he was making an accomplished effort not to let it show.

Yes, he acknowledged during a four-hour dinner conversation in Spanish with representatives of The New York Times, he has real reservations about the market-oriented reforms his government has undertaken to save an economy devastated by the collapse of the Soviet bloc. It pained him to sign some of those

contracts for joint ventures with foreign companies.

style democracy, he said, he recognizes that the world economy has changed. "I am not a great fan of capitalism," he said. "But I am a realist."

To hear him tell it, Mr. Castro was more worried about Bill Clinton.

How is it that American voters have shown so little mercy toward their president last month, he wanted to know early in the conversation; the young Democrat had seemed to have such an attractive social agenda as a candidate. Now, so quickly, the Republicans and their traditional antagonism toward Cuba seem to be back, and strong.

Mr. Castro skipped past the fact that even as a

ing of the longstanding embargo against Cuba. Nor did he say much about the further sanctions that Mr. Clinton imposed in angry reprisal for the flood of more than 30,000 refugees whom Mr. Castro let go after political tension rose here this summer.

"The Chinese wanted Bush to win," he recalled. "The Russians wanted Bush to win. The Mexicans wanted Bush to win." Cuba's political isolation, Mr. Castro suggested, goes so far as to include rooting for

"We hope that he will be successful," he said. What counsel Mr. Castro might have taken on this subject was probably present in the cavernous dining

By Peter Passell New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The U.S. economic recovery just keeps on going and going. In spite of tax increases, sharp rises in interest rates and widespread skepticism that Washington will be able to put its fiscal house in order, rapid growth continues unabated. Unemployment has dropped to

its lowest level in four years. Indeed, as the Federal Reserve chairman told Congress, "there is very little evidence throughout this economy of any

degree of slowdown." The chairman, Alan Greenspan, who only a little more than a year ago was complaining of powerful forces holding back the economy, added last week that "the 50-mile-an-hour headwinds have disappeared" and that the real worry now is

What is powering this juggernaut? Why were most forecasters, who as recently as this summer were predicting a much leaner expansion and higher unemployment, so far off target? Most important, can the

good times last? Two explanations for the unexpected

boom stand out. For one, many consumers — who as recently as last year were mostly worried about keeping their jobs - are spending with abandon. Now, with about three mil-lion jobs added to the economy this year, some of the anxiety about employment

prospects has eased. And disposable income, after falling for several years running, shows signs of starting to turn up. The result? "Big-ticket buying has blown through every benchmark," said Stephen S. Roach, an econo-

Even more important. America's trading partners are coming out of their own recessions, and the surprisingly weak U.S. dollar has made American goods an irresistible bargain on world markets.

"Exports explain the difference between an O.K. recovery and a blockbuster," said Robert Mellman, an economist at Morgan

Guaranty Trust. As recently as this summer, most forecasters were predicting that unemployment would bottom out at 6 percent in the fall and economic growth would slip below 2 percent in the last quarter of 1994. Instead, unemployment is down to 5.6 percent and fourth-quarter growth is now ex-

pected to exceed 4 percent. But can the good times keep rolling on? The forecasters' coin has been debased in the last year. Nonetheless, predictions of a

### But if he is not willing to turn Cuba into a Western- candidate, Mr. Clinton ardently supported a tighten-

### ${\it Exports}$ and ${\it Jobs}$ ${\it Keep America}$ on a ${\it Roll}$

DEATH IN NORWAY - Erik Jarve, who was dismissed Monday as director of the Oslo Stock Exchange after allegations of financial improprieties, was found drowned Tuesday, in an apparent suicide. Page 13.

#### See RECOVERY, Page 8 mist at Morgan Stanley.

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS - In a sign that trade tensions are going high-tech, the United States threatened to slap duties on \$3 billion worth of European exports on Tuesday unless Europe eased tariffs on American semiconductors, computer parts and other items.

The threat, made in a letter from Trade Representative Mickey Kantor to the European Union's trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, met with a chilly response in Brussels. One EU official criticized Mr. Kantor as "a bit heavy-handed" and said that although the Union was willing to offer tariff relief, it would not necessarily come in areas demanded by Washington. "A little quiet diplomacy would serve

The dispute stems from the need of Sweden, Finland and Austria, all relatively free traders, to adopt EU tariff levels when they enter the bloc on Jan. 1. That will mean a big jump on semiconductors and computer parts. Austria and Finland let those goods in duty-free, and Sweden imposes tariffs of 2.3 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively. But the Union imposes tariffs of up to 14 percent on chip imports and 4.4 percent on computer parts.

Such a shift would threaten big business on both sides. Companies like Intel, Texas Instruments and Motorola export more than \$1 billion worth of chips, parts and other electronic goods to Sweden, Finland and Austria. The adoption of EU rules would impose new tariffs of more than \$100 million.

Those items, in turn, are vital components in some of the three countries' most modern and competitive exports, including cellular telephones and personal computers made by Finland's Nokia and Sweden's Ericsson.

Per Akerberg, head of EU affairs for Ericsson in Brussels, said higher tariffs would raise costs or delay the introduction of new products using the latest chip tech-nology, both bad for Ericsson's competi-

"If they raise tariffs on Jan. 1 without negotiating with us, they will be doing so completely outside of the GATT," world trade regulatory body, a U.S. trade official said. Rules under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade would allow Washington to raise "substantially equivalent" tariffs, he said, a threat that

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#### against corruption and the Mafia. Even the Pope has urged a return to the Roman Catholic-dominated politics of the U.S. Warns Europe: Ease Computer Tariffs postwar era, when the Christian Democrats ruled supreme.

#### Kiosk Franc Stumbles

The French franc fell Tuesday to its lowest point against the Deutsche mark since Dec. 2, 1993, after Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, said Sunday that he would not run for president of France. Mr. Delors is a champion of closer European union.

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"Delors was seen as the franc fort's best ally," said Tim Fix, a currency analyst with Credit Suisse in London. The strong franc policy involved peg-ging the franc to the mark and shadowing Germany's interest rates.

Traders in Paris said there was no sign of intervention on Tuesday by the Bank of France. (Page 11)

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### Philippines All Abuzz as Aquino Daughter Trumpets Her Love Child

U.S. interests better," the official said.

By William Branigin Washington Past Service

MANILA - Young actress meets older actor on movie set. Sparks fly during love scenes. Hormones rage. Romance blooms. They quietly set up housekeeping together in luxury condo. Then she drops bomb-

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shell, announces pregnancy on national television.

Complication: He not only is more than 20 years her senior but is still married with three children by estranged wife. What's more, he is known as a serial philanderer and has at least one other child by a longtime live-in partner.

This scenario would hardly raise an eyebrow in Hollywood. But this is the Philippines, the only Roman Catholic country in Asia, and the actress in question is Kris Aquino, the youngest of former President

Corazon C. Aquino's five children. Thus, the revelation by Miss Aquino, 23, that she is three months pregnant by Phillip Salvador, 45, scandalized Filipinos and presented the former president, a devout Catholic, with a moral dilemma. Thanks in

large part to the power of the church, divorce is banned here, and legal annulments of marriages can be time-consum-

For the Philippines, the prospect of an mwed mother in the former first family is especially awkward at a time when the nation is preparing for a visit next month by Pope John Paul II.

It is also ironic. During her turbulent presidency, from 1986 to 1992, Mrs. Aquino followed the church's dictates against birth control and gutted the country's family-planning program.

Since leaving office, she has sided with Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Philippines' Roman Catholic primate, in his dispute over birth control with the government of her chosen successor, President Fidel V. Ra-

mos. In August, Mrs. Aquino appeared rift between the two Aquinos. Miss with Cardinal Sin at a large rally to protest Aquino moved out of the family home a United Nations population conference in Cairo and denounce the Ramos government's family-planning methods as "in-trinsically evil."

She even joined the cardinal in publicly burning a replica of the Cairo conference's draft program of action.

Her daughter announced on a television talk show Monday night that she and Mr. Salvador were living together - over her mother's strenuous objections - and that she was due to give birth in June. She said she would fly to the United States with the actor next week and return to Manila in

more than a month ago and has not been on speaking terms with her mother since then, said the spokeswoman, Deedee Siy-

Mrs. Aquino, she said, "believes in the sanctity of marriage." Miss Siytangco ac-knowledged "a falling out" between mother and daughter and said that the two had had "no communication" since Miss Aquino moved out.

The couple's travel plans sparked speculation that Mr. Salvador planned to di-vorce his wife in the United States and tie the knot with Miss Aquino. But such a divorce and remarriage would not be legally recognized in the Philippines, since an-

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### By Donatella Lorch

New York Times Service GOMA, Zaire - A decade ago, this was an idyllic resort town of charming whitewashed villas lining the shores of Lake Kivu in eastern Zaire. Tourists came to see the mountain gorillas. to hike in the tropical forests, and to visit the Mountains of the Moon, an area of extinct and

active volcanoes. Though in the last few years the place looked increasingly run down, Goma thrived on the exportation of vegetables, beef, coffee, smuggled gold and stolen cars.

But life changed radically in July as more than a million Rwandan refugees fleeing civil war stampeded through town. Soon, hundreds were dying of cholera in the streets. Those who survived changed the look of the city, chopping down the trees for firewood and trampling the flowers. Then came hundreds of relief workers and thousands of Zairian troops, and Goma turned into a ramshackle, tired, muddy city.

But if business stopped temporarily at the height of the refugee crisis, the Zairian and foreign residents here have now adapted to their new environment. Today, Goma is an example of the Zairian entrepreneurial spirit, even if the streets are strewn with garbage, the shops regu-

larly looted by Zairian soldiers, the police corrupt and the atmosphere tense because of the

huge refugee presence on its outskirts. In July and August, we couldn't work," said Philippe Falesse, a Belgian who was born and raised in Goma and now owns a coffee company and a private plane company here. "The city was completely paralyzed. Now we are doing busi-

Built in the 1930s under Belgian colonial rule, with its oldest buildings like Swiss chalets, Goma and its twin city. Gisenye, across the border in Rwanda, became a favorite resort town of vealthy Zairians, other Africans and European tourists. About 200,000 Zairians now live in the district, most of them farmers cultivating beans and coffee and raising beef cattle, which are exported by air to Kinshasa, the capital, and

Goma is surrounded by awesomely beautiful scenery, from the huge expanse of Lake Kivu to striking twin volcanoes, which are still active. They have repeatedly erupted in the last decades, most recently in 1977 when the Nyragongo vol-cano's lava flow stopped just short of the airport. Volcanologists predict another eruption in the near future that could spew ash and lava. Every night, the sky glows red around Nyragongo's

As in the rest of Zaire, only the private sector trucked in through Rwanda, now has to be works here. There is no central phone system, the national bank is open but does not do any business, electricity and running water are sporadic at best. There are no roads between here and the capital, and only a few hundred miles of passable roads in eastern Zaire linking Goma to

But there are about eight private plane companies that commute daily to Kinshasa, Kisengeni and other main cities, and a car wash to get rid of the mud from the potholes. In Goma, businessmen carry cellular phones, leased from a private company. Houses have electrical generators. More than 100 money changers patrol the main, rutted street, the women sitting on lawn chairs, elegantly dressed, the men running after any car that slows down. Six-inch-thick wads of 500zaire notes quickly change hands.

There are bars and discos. One restaurant imports fresh frog legs, fresh strawberries and fresh shrimp, flown in daily from Kenya. The local grocery store stocks Belgian sugar, choco-late hazelnut spread, Scottish salmon, Chivas

Regal and Beaujolais. But the war across the border has also changed the city's rhythms as trade with Rwanda has come to a standstill. All car and plane fuel, once

A Million Refugees Later, Zairian City Gets Its Breath Back

paid and aggressive, has meant an increase in looting, stealing and bribery. Zairian soldiers at the airport openly approach foreigners for bribes, and drivers routinely pay off soldiers. Afraid of the soldiers, shopkeepers keep a limited amount of goods in their stores and the rest hidden in their homes.

"At night some shopkeepers even empty their stores of their merchandise," said Donat Habiryaremye, 35, a Rwandan who has done business in Zaire for more than a decade. "There is much more insecurity and crime now."

The influx of refugees, huge amounts of dol-lars and free relief food has brought with it economic disruption. Farmers have been nurt as market food prices have gone down. In Goma, rents have skyrocketed.

Some try to make the most of the Rwandan crisis. Local entrepreneurs sell boom boxes, electric gadgets and used French dictionaries on the street, part of Rwanda's loot. And the governor Goma asked the UN refugee agency for some of the blue plastic sheeting it hands out to refu-gees to cover their huts. He needed it for his

### Grenade Suspected in 747 Explosion

TOKYO (AP) — The police found pieces of black plastic in the body of a Japanese businessman killed by an explosion aboard a Philippine Airlines jetliner, indicating a plastic grenade could have caused the blast, according to a report from the Kyodo news

Investigators believe that the explosive was wrapped in a life. jacket under the victim's seat, according to the report. The body also bore gunpowder traces, the agency said. Officials in charge of the investigation were not immediately available to comment on

In a statement Tuesday, the airline said investigations showed the report, the police said. that mechanical trouble was not the cause of the explosion on Sunday's flight to Tokyo from Cebu, Six passengers were injured by the blast, which ripped a hole into the Boeing 747 jumbo jet's floor, exposing its cargo area. The plane, which had 273 passengers and 20 crew members on board, was at 33,000 feet when the blast occurred. It landed safely on Okinawa.

### Filipinos Denounce Terror Group

ISABELA, Philippines (AP) — About 10,000 Mushins and Christians rallied Tuesday on Basilan Island to protest a Muslim fringe group responsible for numerous bombings, killings and

Government, military, Muslim and Roman Catholic church leaders led a march to denounce the Abu Sayyaf fundamentalist

The demonstrators burned 20 letters from Abu Sayyaf demanding 20,000 to 50,000 pesos (\$830 to \$2,075) for protection of businesses. Abu Sayyaf had threatened to disrupt the protest, and about 500 soldiers and police, some of them on rooftops, kept watch around the town square.

### China Jails 6 in Fatal Factory Fire

HONG KONG (Renters) — China imposed stiff jail sentences on Tuesday on six people judged responsible for a devastating doll factory blaze in southern Guangdong Province last year.

A court in Shenzhen jailed two fire officials, Wu Xinghui, for 17 years, and Li Jianzhao, for 10 years, for dereliction of duty and taking bribes over the November 1993 fire that killed 87 workers and injured 51, the China-owned New Evening Post in Hong

The Hong Kong owner of the toy factory, Lo Kim-chuen, was The Hong Kong owner of the toy factory, Lo Kim-chuen, was given a two-year sentence for ignoring fire safety regulations. A former factory manager, Leung Kin-kwok, also a Hong Kong resident, received a three-year jail term. Huang Guoguang, also a resident received a three-year jail term. Huang Guoguang, also a former manager of the factory, was ordered to jail for six years, and an electrician, Liu Guangwan, was sentenced to two years.

### Rabin Fears Korean Nuclear Exports

TOKYO (Reuters) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel said Tuesday he feared that North Korea might export nuclear weapons or technology to Iran or Syria, according to Japanese Oak ···

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The officials, briefing reporters after Mr. Rabin met here with Foreign Minister Yohei Kono and Tokuichiro Tamazawa, the Defense Agency chief, said Mr. Rabin also said that North Korea had already exported Scud missiles and other military equipment to Iran, which is believed to be supporting Islamic fundamentalists in the Middle East.

Over the last two years, North Korea's refusal to allow full international inspection of its nuclear sites has prompted speculation that it harbors a secret nuclear arms program.

#### French Seize 42 in Cult Death Probe

PARIS (AP) - French police arrested 42 people Tuesday linked to the Order of the Solar Temple, the doomsday cult thrust into notoriety when 53 followers, many of them bound and shot, were found dead in Switzerland and Canada.

Police released few details about the operation, which was carried out by more than 100 officers in three regions of France in cooperation with Swiss authorities. Financial documents, books and videocassettes about the cult were seized.

By Tuesday evening, 20 of those arrested had been released. Among them was Christian-Marie Le Gall, a doctor who shared a medical office with Luc Jouret, the sect's late guru. Dr. Le Gall was among 15 people arrested in the Vancluse region of southern France. Arrests were also made in Brittany and in the Paris region.

#### Rocard Rejects Run for Presidency

STRASBOURG, France (Reuters) - Michel Rocard, former prime minister of France, announced Tuesday he would not run in

the presidential election next year. Mr. Rocard had been mentioned among possible Socialist candidates after the withdrawal Sunday of Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, shattered the left's hopes of retaining the presidency.

"I have already done my bit. I am waiting for a replacement," Mr. Rocard said at the European Parliament. Mr. Rocard, 64, was mentioned second to former Culture Minister Jack Lang as the voters' choice for a Socialist candidate in an opinion poll Monday.

### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Runway Radar Set for Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An \$8 million runway radar system designed to avert collisions like one in 1991 that killed 34 people is soon to be switched on at Los Angeles International Airport. Until now, controllers have had to rely on what they could see from atop their 13-story tower and hear over two-way radios. On Feb. 1, 1991, a controller erred and allowed a USAir jetliner

to land on a SkyWest commuter plane that was preparing to take off. The Airport Surface Detection Equipment, tested last week and expected to be in operation by the end of January, allows controllers to see areas of the airport that previously had been hidden from their view.

The 43,000-member Air Line Pilots Association said that the safety improvements were overdue and that the third-busiest U.S. airport was still dangerous. The association has recommended that pilots worldwide be warned about the airport's safety defi-

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The center will allow transferring passengers to avoid going through security and check-in for a second time, BAA, which operates the airport, said in a statement on Tuesday. BAA said the center would include showers, lounges and shops.

Miami on Monday approved the case for class-action status. (AP)

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### **Israel Pushes Hard** To Secure Jerusalem

### $Neighborhoods\,Are\,Expanded$ In Advance of Talks With PLO are being done by private devel-

By Caryle Murphy

JERUSALEM - Driving hard to secure its hold on all of Jerusalem, Israel is expanding Jewish neighborhoods and blocking Arab construction within the city itself and in a swath of surrounding West Bank territory that Israeli offi-cials refer to as "Greater Jeru-

The effort, part of Israeli policy since the eastern portion of the city was captured from Jordan in 1967 and united with the western sector, has taken on added urgency for Israel since it signed a peace agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization in September 1993.

That historic accord, which gave Yasser Arafat's PLO limited autonomy in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, also mandated Israeli-PLO negotiations on the final status of Jerusalem in 1996.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, since taking over in July 1992, has pulled back from his predecessor's huge program of building state-funded Jewish settlements in the West Bank. But he is continuing a 1993 master plan that envisions 17,000 new units of Jewish in and around Jerusalem by 1997, according to a government official who asked not to be named.

"Many are in construction; many are also completed," he said in an interview, adding that 8,000 of the 17,000 units would be in East Jerusalem. The goal, he added, is to ensure that there will be "no vacuum between Israeli Jerusalem and Palestinian autonomy" and to establish "a clear-cut fact that Jerusalem is

the capital of Israel." This is a sensitive issue, since Mr. Arafat long has asserted that the Arab part of Jerusalem would be the capital of a future Palestinian state. Recently he gave a speech describing Palestinian flags flying over the Dome of the Rock mosque and other Muslim shrines in the city, which is sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims.

The United States, along with most of its allies, has held to a longstanding policy that Jerusalem's final status remains to be negotiated.

Israeli officials say the recent construction in and around Jerusalem does not violate a 1992 pledge to the Bush administration to decrease settlementbuilding because the projects

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opers, not the state, and are being carried out in areas exempt from the 1992 agreement.

gotiations, these facts will speak

watched the process at work one sunny morning in August, smithereens.

Mr. Kiswani, a hotel kitchen steward, had built his home without a license - something that is rarely granted to Palestinians despite their urgent need for housing. Yet, across the valley and in view of the എന്നും rubble of Mr. Nis city officials recently approved "Golden Jerusalem," a new Jewish development for a multi-

But Palestinians have noted

that Jewish settlements elsewhere in the West Bank are cited as one reason the Israeli government is having second thoughts about withdrawing its troops from West Bank towns on the schedule it agreed to in

ographer. "We have no land to build. We have no land to do anything. The Israelis are creattomorrow, when it comes to nefor themselves. Fawzi Kiswani, a Palestinian,

when buildozers and Israeli police arrived at his home in southeast Jerusalem. Two hours later, the house where two of his nine children were born lay in

story hotel and 300 apartments.

Despite the withholding of

building permits, the Palestinian portion of Jerusalem's population has risen from 25 percent in 1967 to about 28 percent now and is projected to reach 31 percent by 2010. Nonetheless, Mr. Tufakji estimates that 50,000 to 60,000 Palestinians have "left for the West Bank and other places because of the difficulty in building a home." Other critics say that Israeli housing practices, which have dramatically altered the demography of East Jerusalem over



the accord with the PLO.

"I see a dark future," said
Khalil Tufakji, a Palestinian geing facts on the ground so that

the past three decades and are now changing housing patterns beyond the city limits, have



KITTY RESCUE — Craig Byres carrying his cat, Jinty McInty, from their flooded home in Paisley, Scotland, on Tuesday. Three people were missing and 300 homes affected in Scotland's worst flooding in more than 100 years.

### Islamic States Codify Battle on Militants CASABLANCA, Morocco — Islamic states at a summit tion said. "The Islamic countries in Carabbana added and the Islamic countries are not used for planning, organizing, executing, initiating people have died in three years.

meeting in Casablanca adopted combating Muslim militants which endangers them.

fighting member governments. also commits the states to en- ing International Terrorism." suring that militant groups do not use their territory for planning operations in other states.

Iran, Sudan and Afghanistan, three states that have been such activity, did not oppose the resolution, delegates said.

tries have finally woken up to a code of conduct Tuesday for the fundamentalist violence

Algeria, Egypt, Oman and

Between 10,000 and 20,000 geria since the authorities canceled elections that an Islamic

named in the past as bases for movement would have won. challenge from militants attack-

The code says of Islamic or participating in any terrorist states: "Terrorism cannot be activity."

justified under any circumstances, and thus they unequiv-A resolution passed by for- Tunisia were the main sponsors ocally condemn all acts, metheign ministers of the Organiza- of the resolution, titled "A ods and practices of terrorism tion of the Islamic Conference Code of Conduct for Combat-regardless of their origins. causes and purposes."

Members of the organization, people have been killed in three it adds, "commit themselves to highlig years of political violence in Al- refrain from undertaking, at- our noble religion and exposing tempting or participating in any the schemes of terrorist groups, way in financing, instigating or the duality of their message and supporting directly or indirectly the danger of their role to the Cairo faces a less serious acts of terrorism." And they stability and security of memwill "take all necessary mea- ber states."

The group also decided to en-

hance cooperation between member states in exchanging information on violent groups.

The resolution says Muslim militants must be combated "by

### Auctioneer Rolls Out Carpet to Tapie's Mansion

PARIS - Bernard Tapie, the French businessman and politician who is struggling to avoid bankruptcy, suffered a new indignity on Tuesday as members of the public were allowed to tour his mansion before its sale by a bank seeking to recoup

His 18th-century residence, valued at about 70 million francs (\$13 million), is be put up for auction Thursday by Credit Lyonnais, which claims that Mr. Tapie owes it more than 15 times that amount.

Scores of curiosity-seekers, many of them elderly and few of them seemingly serious about bidding, were escorted by policemen through the Paris mansion, stripped of its furnishings by

the bank during the summer. Mr. Tapie has moved out, though his son and daughter-in-law still live in one wing.

Were he declared bankrupt, Mr. Tapie would be forced to step down from his seats in the National Assembly and Europe-an Parliament, and he could not run for mayor of Marseille or for president next year.

Asked if he planned to seek the presidency, he answered: "I will not be a candidate. It's already a bazaar." He proposed that the left's leaders consult each other until Jan. 15 on strategy, then rally behind a single candidate. About the tour of his home, he said: "It's disgraceful" and

added that "their principal objective is to humiliate me."

### Without ATR Planes, U.S. Airlines Scramble to Fill In Gaps The Federal Aviation Ad- cations, including Miami, Dal-

The Associated Press PEORIA, Illinois — U.S.

sowed seeds of future conflict

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commuter airlines are swapping planes, conferring with customers and even booking passengers on other airlines as they scramble to make up for the loss of grounded ATR planes. The patchwork arrangement seemed to work Monday. Pas-

sengers, airport managers and competing companies reported no major problems. They have already booked me on another flight," said George McClellan, a Peoria res- French-Italian company Avion ident planning to travel on an de Transport Régional.

American Eagle flight. "My wife and I will be in two different rows, but that's O.K. You expect changes once in a while, small problems."

American Eagle, the commuter arm of American Airlines, grounded its ATRs on Friday, when the Federal Aviation Administration barred use of the turboprops in icy weather. Trans World Express, partner to Trans World Airlines, made the same move. The planes are made by the

ministration is studying whether ice on the wing of an ATR caused a crash Oct. 31 in Roselawn, Indiana, that killed 68 people.

Trans World Express already has found planes to replace some of the ATRs it uses, allowing flights to continue. American Eagle hopes to have some replacement planes in place by Thursday, permitting flights to resume in 11 cities.

American Eagle is transferring its 70 ATRs to warmer lo- the ban.

las-Fort Worth and Nashville,

the Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, transferring those planes to other operations. The commuter airline Conti-

nental Connections furloughed its seven employees in Gillette, Wyoming, over the weekend and bumped its passengers to other airlines as it moved its fleet of Beechcraft planes to other areas to fill gaps left by

Continental Connections, part of GP Express, also canceled service to Denver; Sheri-But it shut down service at dan, Wyoming, and Rapid City, South Dakota.

Some made do with what they had.

In Evansville, Indiana, American Eagle flights to Chicago were canceled because they use ATRs. But a different plane is used for flights to Nashville, so passengers were being encouraged to fly there, then to their original destina-

LONDON (Reuters) — BAA has opened a flight connections center at London's Heathrow Airport to make things easier for

Thirty flight attendants who say their health was damaged by secondhand smoke may expand their \$5 billion lawsuit to a class-action claim involving 60,000 airline employees after a judge in

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# THE AMERICAS / On Gingrich Agenda: Pretty Big' Spending Cuts and a Delay on Clean Air

By Kenneth J. Cooper

Washington Post Server WASHINGTON - Newt Gingrich, the House speaker-to-be, is charting a sprawling map of Republican pathways to a limited federal government, promising a pretty big" package of spending cuts early next year, floating the idea of a one-year moratorium on clean-air regulations and identifying Energy and Housing and Urban Development as cabinet agencies most vuinerable to elimination.

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Mr. Gingrich, a Republican from Georgia, has expanded his proposed alterna-tives to federal anti-poverty programs by suggesting tax credits to encourage charitable donations to help the poor and saying he preferred the welfare revisions governors proposed over those in the Gingrich-inspired "Contract With America."

He is similarly calling for loosening federal control over Medicaid, the state-feder-don't believe social engineering works. I al health program for the poorest Ameri-

Three weeks from becoming the first Republican speaker in 40 years, Mr. Gingrich has also endorsed a term limit of eight years on speakers, similar to the restriction that the U.S. Constitution imposes on

Besides his proposals on specific federal policies, Mr. Gingrich sketched out his views on broader issues of government, economics and race during a two-hour luncheon with Washington Post editors and reporters. The former history professor studded his responses with verbal footnotes to the books of historians.

"I'm not anti-government," Mr. Ging-rich said in explaining his opposition to the

don't believe building large centralized government structures works."

Within the first two months of 1995, Mr. Gingrich said that "probably the most fiscally conservative Congress since the '20s" would consider a package of spending cuts in the 1995 budget that will be "pretty big.

He said House Republican leaders had asked the new House appropriations chairman, Robert L. Livingston, Republican of

Louisiana, to make the spending cuts "as big as you're comfortable" making.

A Livingston aide said the package would range "somewhere in the billions" and would be developed during Appropriations. ations Committee hearings the first two weeks of January. "They're going to specif-

ically be hearings on what to cut, and why," the aide said. "Most appropriations hearings are on what we need to spend, and why.

On environmental regulation, Mr. Gingrich cited warnings from governors that a 1995 deadline for states to reduce certain air pollutants would create "an economic catastrophe of the first order."

The deadline was set in the Clean Air Act of 1990, which Mr. Gingrich supported on an overwhelming vote for House

"Every governor I talk to says this is going to be a crisis in 1995," Mr. Gingrich said, specifically mentioning Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and California, Virginia has also experienced trouble coming up with a plan to meet the clean-air standards.

The speaker-to-be said many governors favored a one-year moratorium on the clean-air regulations. He did not endorse their proposal and instead called for hearings on the issue.

In a letter to President Bill Clinton on Monday, Mr. Gingrich joined other Republican leaders of the House and the Senate in proposing a 100-day moratorium on new federal regulations. They asked the administration to use the time to review the regulatory burden and recommend

cuts in red tape. Mr. Gingrich indicated that the weak political constituencies for the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, known as HUD, and Energy would make them prime candidates for cuts in the bureaucracy. He cited "a very limited constituency" for Energy.

"I would argue that you could abolish HUD tomorrow morning and improve life in most of America," he said, adding: "I think HUD's reputation is now so bad and the whole public housing policy has been such a failure, that it's very hard to

sustain HUD." But Mr. Gingrich said the federal gov-ernment could still increase the stock of low-income housing, for example, by giving HUD-owned land to Habitat for Humanity, a volunteer group that builds homes for the poor.

He wore a lapel pin of the nonprofit group more identified with another Georgian, former President Jimmy Carter. "We are looking at creating a tax credit for people to give money to private sector institutions that care for the poor," Mr.

### Gephardt Preempts Clinton on Tax Credit

By Kevin Merida and Kenneth J. Cooper

Washington Past Service WASHINGTON — The incoming House minority leader, Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, offered his own prescription Tuesday to revive the Democratic Party. It includes a tax cut for families earning less than \$75,000 a year, incentives for companies to share their profits with workers and a "no-holds-barred" campaign to make Republicans accountable for every assault on working America."

The fur's going to fly," he said. Mr. Gephardt's speech to the Center for National Policy, a Democratic-oriented research organization, was met with only polite applause.

And the Democrat's announcement that House Democrats will propose a tax cut for working families preempted a planned Oval Office address Thursday by President Bill Clinton in which he will lay out his own vision for the next two years, includ-ing a possible tax credit for middle-income

families earning less than \$100,000 a year. A Gephardt spokeswoman, Laura Nichols, said the speech had been planned long in advance and that Mr. Gephardt had consulted with the White House about his remarks. Mr. Gephardt said later that he rather than us acting as receptor of legisla-

Ms. Nichols said it was unclear whether Mr. Gephardt's tax proposal would ultimately be in conflict with the president's.

The minority leader's proposal would exempt a portion of the wages earned by employees paid up to \$75,000 annually and would be available to workers regardless of whether they have children. He promised to find spending cuts to pay for his plan, and Ms. Nichols said the size of the tax cut and how long it would be in effect was contingent upon the budget

A Republican proposal would provide a \$500-per-child tax credit for families earning up to \$200,000 a year, a proposal Mr. Gephardt labeled "a tax break for every child of the rich." The White House has yet to specify how its relief plan would work.

Mr. Gephardt's speech, which drew sharp class distinctions between the two major parties' messages, was billed as a blueprint for how the Democrats planned to operate on Capitol Hill in the next two

It was what one aide described as an effort to show that in the next Congress the Democrats will "begin to work more as an equal partner in the formulation of policy,

tion" generated by the White House. In response to a question following his speech, Mr. Gephardt noted that while he will work in cooperation with the president, the House was "an independent organization." In recent weeks, other highprofile Democrats, including the incoming Senate minority leader, Thomas A. Daschle of South Dakota, have noted they may at times operate independently of the administration.

Portraying the Democrats as the advocates for working families and the middle class, Mr. Gephardt accused the Republicans of holding up "a punching bag for people's frustrations" with "the tried and tested GOP formula: division, exclusion and fear."

Democrats, he said, must "rededicate ourselves to the kitchen-table issues that made us the majority party for most of this century, and will make us the majority again in 1996."

"We don't need to find the left or the right or the center," Mr. Gephardt said. "We only need to look inside ourselves, to find the truth that's already there. We only need to rediscover the heart and the soul of the Democratic Party, which is to fight for the working families and the middle-class that make this country great."

### Simpson Defense Moves to Speed Trial

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LOS ANGELES - Defense attorneys for O.J. Simpson told a judge Tuesday they wanted to forgo hearings on the prosecution's crucial DNA evidence and take the case straight to trial in early

In a move that could put the double-murder case on a fast track, Mr. Simpson's lawyers asked Judge Lance A. Ito to begin opening statements by Jan. 4. They said they preferred to challenge the admissibility of tests on blood and hair samples later, before the jury's entry. Jurors in the murder trial were told they may be sequestered in January.

Both sides had been prepar- her friend Ronald L. Golding for DNA hearings that man were expected to last four to six weeks. But if the judge grants the defense motion, the tion would violate Mr. Simptrial of the former profession-al football star could begin in fair trial and due process. earnest much sooner

In announcing their change of strategy, the defense team it meets his desire for a fast said Mr. Simpson had been advised of the potential risks consuming and, for him, ex-and benefits. Mr. Simpson is pensive admissibility hearing charged in the June 12 stabbing deaths of his former wife sided with the defense. Nicole Brown Simpson and

tential for damaging publicity that could taint the jury and alternate panel if they were Defense attorneys argued not sequestered. that failure to grant their mo-

THUMBS-UP - O.J. Simpson with one of his lawyers, Robert Shapiro, awaiting the

But prosecutors may put up some resistance. Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark said that if defense lawyers The tacue has some benewanted to forgo the pretrial hearings, they had to concede fits for Mr. Simpson. For one, trial by eliminating a timeto the admissibilty and "statistical significance" of test repensive admissibility hearing sults on evidence found at the before a judge who has rarely

crime scene and at Mr. Simpson's Brentwood estate.

In the motion, however, the

defense made it clear that it intended to challenge the admissibility of the prosecution's scientific evidence but wanted to do it during the trial. Judge Ito is expected to rule by the end of the week.

The DNA tests remain crucial to the prosecution's case. Authorities have no witnesses to the murders and no murder weapon, so blood and hair samples may be the only hard evidence they have.

(Reuters, AP)

#### 'Hill Rats' Scurry for Help

WASHINGTON - Bathed in light from the chandelier of the spacious Ways lecting unemployment in the temporary all matching funds it received. office of the District of Columbia's em-

ployment service. They ask you the name of your depenbeen a lawyer on the House Judiciary Committee for 15 years. "And then they ask you if they're physically able to work. Work what? A paper route?"

Mr. Pugliese is among the thousands of staff members on Capitol Hill who lost commission votes. their jobs in the Republican landshide last month. In response, the District of Columbia has opened the office on Capitol Hill to help staff members apply for unemployment benefits.

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#### Treasury Due \$4.1 Million?

WASHINGTON -- Federal auditors recommend that President Bill Clinton's and Means Committee hearing room, Eu- 1992 campaign repay the Treasury a rewene Pugliese tried to keep a sense of hu-thor as he filled out applications for col-campaign was not entitled to all the feder-The Federal Election Commission is

scheduled on Wednesday to discuss the audit findings, which question the camdents and I put down my daughters, who paign's decision to give bonuses to certain are 7 and 9," said Mr. Pugliese, who has employees and disallows payments for two missing rental cars.

The Clinton campaign committee disagrees with the audit findings, said Lyn Utrecht, the attorney for the committee, which has a right to a hearing after the

#### **House Security Under Study**

The family of the serial killer Jeffrey

ras re-(AP) he told a Cleveland daily, "No jury is

(NYT) • A first-class letter will cost 32 cents to

"What would be the point?" the fam-

WASHINGTON - Protection arrangements for the incoming House

ilv's attorney said.

speaker, Newt Gingrich, need to be quickly assessed, the incoming chief of House security said. Wilson Livingood, the sergeant-at-arms nomince, said at a news conference that he did not know of any threats against the outspoken Mr. Gingrich, but said he planned to assess the Georgia Republican's "threat level" as part of an overall review of House securi-

#### Quote/Unquote

Mr. Gingrich on crime problems in the

send as of Jan. 1, the Postal Service

the one that mauled a hiker to death in a state park 50 miles east of San Diego,

California officials confirmed. (Reuters)

• An explosion at a fertilizer plant south of Sioux City, Iowa, killed at least four people and released a cloud of toxic

ammonia gas that forced hundreds to

Board of Governors said.

District of Columbia: "There is something disgraceful about the richest country in the world inviting its citizens to come and go by neighborhood tragedies and neighborhood failures and neighborhood massacre sites on their way to the Smithsonian and the Capitol. There is just something profoundly wrong about our whole approach to this city right now." (WP)

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### Japan's Teen Suicides After 2d Death, Schools Get An Order to Curb Bullying

TOKYO - A second 13year-old schoolboy hanged himself Tuesday in an area of central Japan already em-broiled in controversy about a had builted him into stealing suicide brought on by schoolyard bullying, the police said.

The suicide coincided with a special cabinet meeting called by Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama to discuss the first death, and the Education Ministry urged teachers to crack down on schoolyard bullies.

The police said the body of the second boy, who was not named, was found at a workshop belonging to his father. He had hanged himself from a ceiling beam and left no note.

Shoji Sota, vice principal of the boy's school, said the boy's schoolmates had vandalized his book bag and hit him in the ad with a chair in October, the Kyodo news agency report-

Kyodo said some classmates said they had seen the word "die" scribbled on the boy's bag. They also said the youth was depressed about recent

Okazaki, next to the town of Nishio, where another 13-yearold, Kiyoteru Okochi, hanged himself last month and left a money from his family.

The note said the bullies had extorted \$10,000 from him over the course of a year, holding his head in a river if he refused to

"I just can't find any money to take to them today. A newspaper reported last week that at least 10 schoolboys

had taken their lives because of

harassment by classmates this In other recent signs of strains in Japan's schools, a teacher was suspended for hitting a pupil in the head every day for six months because he was inattentive, and a young truant died in a car accident

while being pursued by a teacher in another car. A government spokesman reported Mr. Murayama said at the cabinet meeting Tuesday that parents, teachers and students all had a responsibility to The boy lived in the town of stop schoolyard bullying.

#### Space Trip Due For Japanese

TOKYO — A Japanese astronaut will join a mission by the American space shuttle Endeavour next year as the first Japanese mission specialist, Japan's space agency announced Tuesday.

The astronaut, Koichi Wakata, 31, will be the third Japanese to ride a U.S. space shuttle. The previous two Japanese astronauts conducted scientific experiments, but as a mission specialist Mr. Wakata is qualified for space walks and other operational ac-

Japan's National Space Development Agency asked NASA to put Mr. Wakata on a shutile so he could experience space flight before Japan's participation in an international space station project due to start in 1997. NASA plans to launch the Endeavour with a crew of six astronauts on Nov. 30, 1995, for a nine-day mission.

In a report issued Tuesday, the Education Ministry announced an urgent survey of teachers and administrators to gauge the extent of schoolyard bullying.

### Richard Critchfield, Writer on Third World, Dies

By Wolfgang Saxon
New York Times Service Richard Patrick Critchfield.

63, an author and journalist from Berkeley, California, who lived and worked among villagers of the Third World to tell their story to Western readers, died Saturday in Washington. He had suffered a stroke the

week before in Washington, where he had gone to attend a publication party for his latest book, "Villagers." Mr. Critchfield spent long

periods working and living with the peasants of Asia, Africa, and Latin America about whom

For many years he reported on rural development for The Economist, and he also contributed Op-Ed articles and book reviews to The New York Times, The Washington Post, and the International Herald Tribune, among others.

Over the years, Mr. Critch-field reported for various publications on Asia, Washington, the White House, the China-India conflict of 1962, the Viet-nam War, and the India-Pakistan war of 1965. In 1981, he received a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship, totaling \$244,000, which he used to contime studying cultural change in the rural Third World.

His books included "The

the age of 90. Her daughter suc-ceeded in keeping the death se-Long Charade: Political Sub-version in the Vietnam War" (Harcourt, 1968); "The Golden cret until Tuesday. Bowl Be Broken: Peasant Life

The newspaper Le Monde reported the death, quoting the in Four Cultures" (Indiana University Press, 1974); "Shah-hat: An Egyptian" (Syracuse University Press, 1978); and "Villages" (Doubleday, 1980). "Villagers: Changed Values, daughter, Anne Grès, as saying she acted "out of love." Municipal authorities in Paris subsequently confirmed the death, which occurred Nov. 24, 1993, Altered Lives: The Closing of the Urban-Rural Gap" was published by Doubleday last at a nursing home in southern France.

Born Germaine Krebs in Paris in 1903, she was known to the fashion world only as Madame Grès. In 1937, she started a Madame Alix Grès, a Leader In French World of Couture shop with a partner on the fashionable Rue du Faubourg Ste. PARIS (AP) — Madame Honoré, calling both it and her-Alix Gres, a major figure in the French fashion world for a half self Alix, and quickly became century, died 13 months ago at widely known.

An ardent champion of house couture, she was president for many years of the Fédération Française de la Couture, the

powerful fashion syndicate. Kenneth Rush, Ambassador Who Played Key Berlin Role

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Kenneth Rush, 84, who, as a U.S. ambassador helped negotiate the ground-breaking fourpower agreement in 1971 that ended the postwar crises over Berlin, died Sunday in Delray Beach, Florida, A former president of Union Carbide, he held several high government posts and served as ambassador to France from 1974 to 1977. A son said he had been under Bussum, near Amsterdam.

treatment for heart and blood

The Quadripartite Berlin Agreement, among the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, and France, ended more than two decades of East-West mer capital of Germany.

Stnart A. Roosa, 61, an astronaut who flew on the third lunar landing mission in 1971, died Monday in Falls Church, Virginia, of complications from

George Van Renesse, 85, a pianist who was an interpreter of Schubert, died Saturday in

### Antoine Pinay, French Economic Reformer, Dies

SAINT-ETIENNE, France - Antoine Pinay, a former French finance minister, mone-

tary reformer and father of the w franc," died at his home near here Tuesday. He was 102. Mr. Pinay served as prime minister in 1952 and then as finance minister under de Gaulle starting in 1958.

He was credited with halting galloping inflation and restoring the strength of the French franc. His success was symbol-

people resent being told they

are too old to drive, and their

children are reluctant to take

away the car keys. Indeed, many of the elderly are fully competent to drive. But others

experience senile dementia

cataracts and reduction in re-

flexes. Many take medication

The main advocacy group

for older people, the American

Association of Retired Per-

sons, acknowledges a poten-

tial problem with aging drivers. It even offers an

instructional program for drivers 55 and older.

The former Missouri state

coordinator for that program Earl Rosen, 80, said of fatal

accidents caused by incompe-

tent drivers: "I call it murder.

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ized by the introduction of the "new franc," valued at 100 old

Mr. Pinay, who has served as reference point for successive French finance ministers, won the confidence of small savers with the "Pinay bond," launched in 1952 and indexed

In 1965 and again in 1969, he resisted pressure to become a candidate for the French presi-

In 1974 he campaigned for the successful presidential candidate, Valery Giscard d'Estaing before retiring to Saint-

Mr. Pinay was a strong sup-porter of European union and in 1992 declared his enthusiastic support for the Maastricht

He saw active service in World War I and afterwards.

He was named France's first ombudsman in 1973. He ran a small tannery between 1919 and 1948 in the Saint-Chamond region, was involved in local politics and became may-

or of the town. He initially supported the collaborationist regime of Mar-shal Philippe Pétain in World War II before joining the Resistance.

Mr. Pinay attributed his iongevity to the fact that he never drank alcohol and tried to get eight hours' sleep every night. He gave up smoking in 1989.

### Tokyo Moves Against Gun Imports

TOKYO - Responding to increased gun smuggling and gun-related violence this year, Japan will tighten its ban on imports of firearms and ammunition, a customs office spokes-

man said Tuesday. Under a revised customs law, which takes effect Jan. 1, imports of handguns, rifles, machine guns and other firearms will be banned, the spokesman said Ammunition and parts will also be barred.

years or a fine of up to 5 million yen (\$50,000).

Gun imports are now banned under criminal law but not under customs law; thus, customs officers do not have the right to investigate gun smuggling. If they discover illicit guns, they must report them to the police. who in turn take action.

"We plan to increase our staff and introduce more efficient X-ray devices to detect

Violations will be punished gun-smuggling attempts at cus-with prison terms of up to five toms," the customs spokesman

The number of guns confis-cated by customs officials totaled 88 from January to October this year, up from 69 for all of 1993. Many of them were from China, the Philippines or

Japanese police seized 1,671 guns between January and Sep-tember, compared with 1,019

#### ed and given written exams **AMERICAN** every four years. Most other states have no restrictions on elderly drivers. **TOPICS** It is a touchy problem. Many

**Elderly Car Drivers:** To Test or Not to Test?

Despite studies that show the effects of aging on vision, reflexes and cognitive skills, only three states — Illinois, Indiana and New Hampshire -require road-skill exams for drivers 80 and older. In Kansas, all drivers are vision-test-

#### Short Takes

When it comes to how food tastes, people can be divided into three categories: nontasters, regular tasters and supertasters, scientists say. Supertasters have more taste buds than other people and so they taste more. Linda Bartoshuk, a professor at the Yale medical school and an expert in sensory science, said the num-ber of taste buds was a matter of heredity. About a quarter of the population are supertasters, a quarter are nontasters and half are regular tasters. The differences among them, however, are diminished because taste is only one aspect of flavor and is often overshadowed by aroma, texture

Frank Mancini, 45, an un-imployed New York officecleaning worker, has been charged with reporting 20 false alarms since March 1992. He is suspected of phoning in thousands of others, a fire de-

and temperature.

partment spokeswoman said. A law enforcement source said Mr. Mancini had an unspeci fied grudge against some of his neighbors and wanted to harass them with clanging fire engines at odd hours.

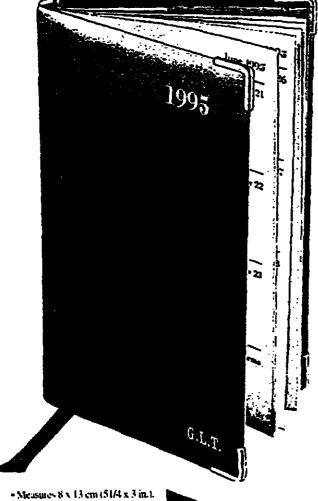
it, people can identify phrases that are in common use but derived from objects that are nearly forgotten, Matthew L. Wald notes in The New York Times. Muskets are gone but "flash in the pan" and "going off half-cocked" are still with us. Few people sail, but some get "three sheets to the wind." And change goes inexorably onward. Many once-common objects are obsolescent or even obsolete and becoming evermore rare. Examples: rotary telephone dials, typewriters, carbon paper and record al-

Eyeglasses, on the other hand, are more popular than ever. Decades ago, they lost their prim image. Then con-

tact lenses seemed likely to make spectacles obsolete. But today, about 60 percent of Americans wear glasses, and only 15 percent wear contacts, according to a spokesman for the Optical Laboratories Association, a trade group. Twenty years ago, the feeling was contact lenses were going to take over," he said. "That never happened."

A high school Christmas concert in Paris, Tennessee, was canceled after a brawl in which the choir director allegedly hit the band conductor in the face with a chair. Henry County High School's Kenneth Humphrey, a county commissioner and minister. was freed on \$1,000 bail after Martin Paschall filed aggravated assault charges. The two men allegedly got into a fight over who would make announcements at a future concert. They also argued about locking up their joint office space, the police said.

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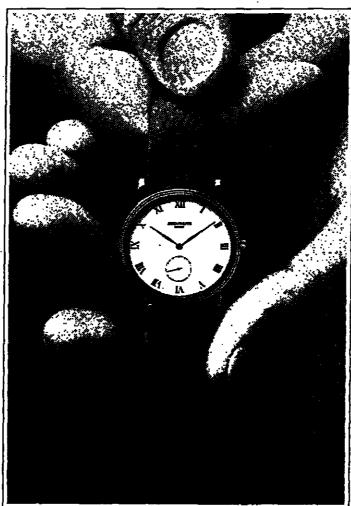
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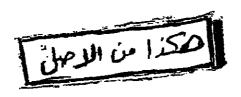
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### Chechnya Predicament

The tiny Russian breakaway region of Chechnya confronts President Boris Yeltsin and his fellow reformers with a serious internal crisis. The three-year insurrection cannot be allowed to stand. Although a negotiated political settlement would be the best outcome, Mr. Yeltsin is justified in using military

force to suppress the rebellion. Failure to deal decisively with Chechnya's defiance could have two calamitous consequences. First, it could encourage similar rebellions elsewhere and bring about the collapse of the Russian Federation. Second, in strictly political terms it would surely arouse a ferocious backlash among right-wing nationalists, in turn destroying the Yeltsin government.

Washington does not want these outcomes and neither, obviously, does Mr. Yeltsin. The beleaguered president is acutely aware that suppressing the rebellion by force is fraught with peril. It could spark fierce resistance and terrorism from Chechnya's independent-minded people and, conceivably, bog Russia down in another Afghanistan. And even if Mr. Yeltsin satisfies the nationalists, as well as an embittered Russian army eager to prosecute a regional war, he could later find himself under fire from

war-weary Russians who want out. That is why Washington should quietly counsel him to apply force carefully — not to crush the Chechens but to open the way to a negotiated settlement. Such a settlement would give a measure of political autonomy to Chechnya.

Shortly after the abortive 1991 putsch in Moscow, the Chechen strongman, Dzhokar Dudayev, once one of the youngest generals in the Soviet air force, seized power in this oil-rich land of 1.3 million people and declared independence. A year later, when Mr. Yelisin first attempted to restore Russian rule by force, the Parliament balked and got him to seek a political solution instead. Mr. Yeltsin now seems determined to topple Mr. Dudayev -- by force if necessary. Last week he massed Russian forces on Chechnya's border and backed a failed coup attempt. Over the weekend, he ordered armored columns to advance on the capital, Grozny.

Mr. Yeltsin's move brought sharp protests from Moscow liberals, but it is likely to prove popular, at least for the moment, among those who favor a more assertive Russian foreign policy. Among Russians, the Chechens have an unsavory reputation - some of it the result of Russian racism, some of it deserved. Chechen racketeers control many of Moscow's markets with strongarm tactics, and the Dudayev regime is a tinhorn kleptocracy that wrested leadership from genuine Chechen nationalists

and is now seizing the spoils.

The republic, located in an ethnic cauldron in the Caucasus Mountains between the Black and Caspian Seas, could be difficult to subdue. Colonized by Russians over three centuries and brought under Russia's control in the 1860s, the Chechens have periodically rebelled against Moscow's rule. They rebelled after the 1917 Revolution and again in World War II. In 1944, Stalin deported a half-million Chechens to the steppes of Central Asia, for purportedly siding with Germany during the war; after his death, many drifted home.

Washington cannot help but sympathize with Mr. Yeltsin's predicament. His task is to move decisively to depose Mr. Dudayev, then end the bloodletting as quickly as he can lest he become hostage

to Russia's nationalists and military. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# After the Nuclear Party, Cleaning Up Isn't Optional

WASHINGTON — The ghosts of weapons programs past are rattling their chains louder and louder. Tons of uranium and plutonium scattered at sites around the United States and the former Soviet Union are rusting, corroding, leaking, migrating, concentrating into critical masses, threatening to explode, and spreading underground into rivers and water supplies. Most immediately dangerous, enough material to make thousands of bombs is vulnerable to theft in Russia.

It will take decades, and tens or hundreds of billions of dollars, before the radioactive wastes and fissile materials around today are permanently contained or disposed of. As material disperses and storage facilities age and degrade, the task gets harder.

And as more weapons are dismantled, and plutonium production in Russia continues, the amount of material to contend with continues to grow. So does the frustration with having to spend today's tight money on yesterday's problems.

Overeager budget cutters in the United States, eyeing the large cleanup programs at the Pentagon and the Department of Energy, would like to see them as dis-pensable, environmental frills. They could not be more wrong. These programs are addressing real threats that will only become more dangerous and more expensive as time passes.

Ironically, cuts are being proposed just as an explosive new Energy Department report concludes that previous budget By Jessica Mathews

cuts are partly to blame for the present hazards at half a dozen U.S. sites, particularly Rocky Flats, just outside Denver. Big as the American nuclear challenge is, it is dwarfed by environmental and security risks in Russia.

The latest horror to be added to a steadily growing list is the recent revelation that for decades radioactive waste was secretly disposed of in Russia by pumping it directly into the ground, contravening international practice and Soviet claims. The contamination has spread far beyond the injection sites, and experts are now debating whether it will remain a local threat or become a national or even an international one.

But the largest and most immediate nuclear threat comes from theft. Dozens of facilities in Russia, including many outside the military establishment, hold large quantities of highly enriched urani-um and photonium. There is no national inventory of these weapons materials. Even an individual facility may have no idea how many bombs' worth are present, and therefore no way of knowing if material disappears. Americans who have visited some of the

major civilian sites describe single, easily sunnountable fences, absent or easily dis-abled alarms, and padlocks that any selfrespecting bicycle thief could cut.

The absolute basics of physical security are missing. There are no cameras or

are facilities where workers regularly go unpaid for months in a society where

organized crime is flourishing. Many took misplaced comfort from the fact that the small amount of smuggled plutonium seized in Germany last summer apparently came from a civilian, and not a military, facility. There are no grounds for doing so. Russian civilian facilities contain more than enough weapons-usable uranium and plutonium to supply all the world's potential buyers through

the theft of even a minute fraction. Military facilities hold more fissile material, but civilian facilities probably pose the greater threat.

While Bonn saw to it that its arrest produced global headlines, Moscow and Washington appear to have tacitly cooperated to keep news of several much larger seizures in Russia quiet.

In one of these, a janitor reportedly walked out of a plant wearing an industrial mitten stuffed with three kilograms of highly enriched uranium, which he kept in his refrigerator while making further plans. The facility reportedly discovered the theft by noticing the missing janitor, not the missing material. How many other thefts, one has to wonder. have not been caught?

The Clinton administration, with funding through the bipartisan Nunn-Lugar initiative, has achieved some notable successes in reducing nuclear threats in the former Soviet Union. Agreements

motion detectors, no double fencing and no radiation monitors at the exits. These should mean having one nuclear state to deal with rather than four. Weapons are being dismantled and information exchanged on where and how each side will store the resulting plutonium. Both countries have agreed to ban further production of plutonium for weapons use.

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Yet not enough is being done to safeguard weapons-usable material, and the funds for what has been started are drying up. Anticipating cuts in Num-Lugar funding next year, the Department of Defense is proposing to drop the physical security and export control programs in order to protect what it sees as its core interest in weapons dismantlement. It wants, too, to fend off the criticism that the Pentagon should not do anything that is not strictly military.

In fact, helping Russia protect its tons of poorty protected plutonium is as much a security task as building weapons or paying troops. There is no guarantee that U.S. help will prevent all thefts, but it is clear from the progress made already that it can make a big difference.

If these programs falter for want of a few tens of milhons of dollars, the cost to

U.S. security is likely to be incomparably larger. It is easier, cheaper and quicker to steal the material for a nuclear arsenal than to make it. And North Korea will not be the last to try.

The writer, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, contributed this comment to The Washington Past,

### **Another Bosnia Charade?**

Last week the talk of NATO was about withdrawing United Nations peacekeepers to clear the decks for arming the Bosnians and perhaps launching robust air strikes. But over the weekend the French and British, principal contributors to the UN force, and the Americans looked hard at the greater suffering and wider war that would be the likely immediate result of a pullout, and flinched, They decided instead (1) to make another diplomatic go. (2) to continue planning an American-assisted UN withdrawal and (3) to beef up NATO military action. The third item was worked up by the American and French defense ministers and involves extra fortifying, consolidating of units, protecting convoys and the like.

Is this anything more than another charade? There is a dire need for a tougher NATO military response. The response now contemplated, however, keeps NATO in the role of servant of the United Nations, and does not ask the United Nations to alter the neutralist lite-force mandate which has defined its peacekeeping from the start. Under this mandate, the United Nations treats each party as a potential violator, single act by single act, and avoids what ought to be the essential broad judgment that the Serbs are the principal transgressors. This is what it has taken so far to get resolutions past the Serbs' UN protector, Russia.

The two defense ministers, trying to restore a modicum of American-European consensus, promised to use "overwhelming force" to protect a UN pullout, if there is one. That is, the United Nations will not be allowed to veto NATO pullout strategy. It is a little shameful that the Clinton administration would make departing peacekeepers an offer, including an American ground role, that it could never find it in its heart to make to suffering Bosnians. Nonetheless, the pledge shows good faith to those who, unlike Americans, accepted the more onerous peacekeeping risks.

If NATO does finally undertake to secure a safe UN withdrawal, it will be back at the further question - should it lift the arms embargo on Bosnia and conduct strikes to help it regain lost ground? - that has long split ready Americans from reluctant Europeans. Except that this time the resurgent Republicans are pressing the administra-

tion to go it alone.

Enabling Bosnia to arm or at least giving it the option is the minimal decent thing, especially if Bosnia is not to have even a fig leaf of international protection. Air strikes look a lot better if NATO is together than if the United States is alone. But let us see how the next few weeks go.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

### If Smaller Works Better, APEC Could Turn Out Irrelevant at Best

JONG KONG — Bogor, Mi-Hami, Davao. Which, if any, of these cities will go down in the annals of trade history?

Bogor, stage for the set-piece bash of the year where leaders of the 18-strong APEC group - in-cluding the United States, Japan and China - committed themselves to free trade among themselves by 2020?

Or Miami, host last week to the Summit of the Americas, a gathering of 34 nations which set a goal of free trade in the Western Hemisphere by 2005?

Or the southern Philippine city of Davao, where, just after the APEC meeting, President Fidel Ramos appealed for free trade within what he called the East ASEAN Growth Area (EAGA) encompassing the southern Philippines, most of eastern Indonea, eastern Malaysia and Brunei?

commendable, but is it any more than pious hope? There is more likely to be free trade within humble EAGA by 2020 than in the much ballyhooed APEC zone. As for the Miami summit, it have meaning there must be either further exposed the nakedness of economic logic or political will. In

Union for the second time.

after the other Scandinavians.

Compared with 1972, this led to

a mere I percent increase in

hard to explain. Geographical-

ly, the concept of integration has spread from Central Eu-

rope toward the periphery. Ex-

cept for Iceland, a kind of dis-

tiliation of the "no" faction in

The surge of free trade talk is

By Philip Bowring APEC, which, despite the publicity surrounding its last two

summits, always was a political stunt rather than a group with a realistic trade agenda. The drive to free trade within the Americas is so much stronger than anything in APEC that APEC itself is, despite the Bogor hype, al-Free Trade Agreement and the ready looking irrelevant. ASEAN Free Trade Area - but in practice this is simply not pos-

For the United States, APEC and its opportunity for summiteering are temporarily useful, a cheap way of proving U.S. "commitment" to the region while putting a little pressure for market opening on the Asian members --with almost all of which it runs large trade deficits.

APEC provides China with an opportunity to show a benign face to the world and to smooth relations with the United States and promote its GATT membership bid. For President Suharto it was a useful (if flawed by Timor) way of raising his own and Indo-

nesia's profiles. Yet for any grouping of states to the APEC case, neither exists beyoud the most superficial level. It is theoretically possible to reconcile APEC members' commitments to free trade by 2020 with members' existing commitments in other directions — for example, the North American

sible without political commitments that do not exist. The world should give thanks to Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad for his open skepticism. Mr. Mahathir has his own reasons for being a grandstanding outsider, but he has

been saying aloud what the Japanese were saying to themselves. Japan wants global, not regional, focus. If it is to accept second best, that most likely would be because it faced serious discrimination in North American and European markets. In that case it would seek some sort of Asia-

Australasia regional grouping.
At one point, before NAFTA and while Western Europe threat-

and the periphery are greater

here than elsewhere in Europe.

When the political establishment

in Helsinki speaks, the Finnish nation follows, particularly in connection with foreign policy

issues. In Sweden, the Stockholm

elite has proved its strength for

decades, if not centuries. In Nor-

ened to be more protectionist than has been the case, APEC might have been a realistic option. But no longer. It may still serve as a warning to the Europeans, but they now seem to recognize it for the hot air that it is.

As host to next year's summit, Japan will be paying further lip service to the APEC idea, while doing as little as possible to develop it. So much for the biggest Asian trader.

How about APEC's newest and smallest American one, Chile? The Chileans have more claims than most to believe in free trade. But whether or not they eventually get into NAFTA, they are also looking toward their immediate neighbors in Mercosur, a grouping of 190 million people (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uru-guay) with a combined GNP twice that of ASEAN and a decade further down the free trade road than ASEAN.

Mercosur countries have the Western Hemisphere's greatest growth potential, and do little of their trade with Asia. Their priority is arrangements with NAFTA and with Andean neighbours. The three NAFTA members are likely to feel the same way.

Meanwhile, the Asia-Pacific talk ignores realities in the other direction -- the other half of Asia west of the Andaman Sea. Like South America, its trade is quite small. However, things are changing rapidly there as in Latin America and, more tentatively, in former Soviet bloc countries.

The interests of all parties concerned with freer trade must be to ensure global commitments to more open markets and not ones which, if only by implication, leave out the newcomers.

As for the United States itself, political realities at home and in Asia are gradually impinging on its rosy notions of a trans-Pacific community. For one, the enormity of its trade deficit with China

will dawn soon.

The problem is not so much the size of the gap (\$30 billion this year) as the ratio of imports to exports - almost four to one. Why the United States should buy so much from a still largely closed economy when it exports so little to China is a source of wonderment to non-Americans — and perhaps also to Messrs. Gingrich, Helms & Co.

Despite all the fuss over China, it is a far less important market for the United States than is Mexico, and no more so than Brazil. Given the sensitivity of employment and migration relations with Mexico, why not buy Latin shirts and toys, not (Communist) Chinese ones?
The Asia-Pacific has been the

fastest growing area of trade in the past two decades, but one should not automatically assume that it inevitably will be in the

next two. Part of the boom is overstated by double and triple counting as components are made in one or several countries and assembled in yet another before being shipped to America.

Another part is attributable to access to the U.S. market. Although trade barriers in Asia are declining markets for finished goods are mostly heavily protected in one way or another.

Meanwhile, the United States is no longer as welcome in Asia as it once was. Its military presence is comforting, but reluctance to get too close is growing, as evidenced by That unwillingness to act as a storehouse for supplies.

Fierce attacks on American values by countries highly dependent on its markets and manufacturing investment is souring pan-Pacific relations -- as is the sometimes knee-jerk U.S. ap-

There is of course a parallel adual proach to human rights issues. gradual disengagement of the United States from post-Cold War Europe. But America is not seeking to take a leading part in. any new trans-Atlantic group.

The logic of the U.S. trade position should be to keep a balance between Asia, Europe and the Americas in the general context of open trade. This is best done at the global level.

If a choice has to be made, the Americas will come first, partly because of domestic political considerations and partly because Asia is a complex set of individual relationships with major countries - China, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia etc. that cannot be dealt with under an APEC umbrella.

As for the smaller countries of the region, they will naturally prefer smaller groupings with more comparable economies, whether in ASEAN or even in President Ramos's little EAGA.

In the long run, APEC could prove worse than irrelevant. It is already highlighting differences of perception between East Asia and North America. At a time when the U.S. public appears to be turning inward, it is distracting attention from real trade issues toward photo opportunities.
Ironically, if the United States

does get its act together, starts saving more, cutting its deficits, taking a big stick to those who pay lip service to open markets but practice mercantilism, the main sufferers will be those who have benefited so much from North American worship of the consumer: the Asian exporters who jeer at American values.

Those who met in Miami democratic, market-oriented and with the ghost of Yankee imperialism exorcised —found a greater sense of common identity, selfinterest and possibly values than the Bogor group will ever muster. International Herald Tribune.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1894: Scandals in Rome

PARIS - [The Herald says in an editorial:] Scandals are everywhere. The affair of the Banca Romana has been revived by the communication to a Parliamentary Committee of documents which had been kept back at the time of the investigation. The question which excites the Italian political world is: who are the personages compromised by these documents? The moral of this history is that disgraceful business is going on almost evcrywhere in the world which touches both on politics and business. None but ambitious people pretend to believe that the evil is peculiar to our times.

1919: A Joyless Havana?

NEW YORK - Not content with making the United States dry, the Prohibitionists are now

planning a campaign against Havana. With no tacing and no drink in America, there is a move to make Havana the wettest spot on earth and the Monte Carlo of the Western Hemisphere. It is to take the joy out of this Cuban city, which is only four hours by boat from Key West and two days from New York, that the Prohibitionists are now working.

#### 1944: Mystery Defense

PARIS — [From our New York edition:] The Germans were disclosed today [Dec. 13] to have thrown a new "device" into the war — mysterious silvery balls which float in the air. Pilots report seeing these objects, both individually and in clusters, in forays over the Reich. It is possible that the floaters represent a new anti-aircraft defense instrument or weapon. This dispatch was heavily consored at Supreme Headquarters.]

Europe's rich democracies last weekend sharply strengthened their offers of economic alliance to the uneasy countries that used to be Soviet satellites. The European Union's 12 members, meeting at Essen, still have not provided their eastern neighbors with a firm timetable for admission. But at the urging particularly of the Germans, the 12 have now made the steps leading to admission, and the offers of the help needed to ascend them, much more specific. Although the Union itself originated as a common market, its

purposes here go far beyond trade.

The Union hopes to use the promise of membership to bring greater stability to Eastern Europe. Bosnia is providing Europe with a horrifying example of the costs of what is euphemistically called instability. Just as the common market not only helped Western Europe to prosper but damped down its nationalist vendettas, the Union is now moving to apply the same magic to the Eastern countries on unstated but well understood terms: that they are to remain democracies pledged to

live at peace with their neighbors. The Union at Essen gave the Eastern countries a bigger welcome than, as recently as a few weeks ago, seemed to be on the schedule. Perhaps one reason was Russia's hostile reaction to the other idea for greater stability in Eastern Europe - bringing these same countries into

**Europe Looks East** NATO. When one avenue is temporarily

blocked, it is useful to pursue another. But this expansion eastward raises concerns within the Union itself that there will be less attention to its Mediterranean members and the pressures on them from the south. The Union's meeting at Essen had a lot in common with the Western Hemisphere's summit conference being held at the same time in Miami. Both the European Union and the United States were dealing with much less wealthy countries anxious to proceed rapidly - much too rapidly for the comfort of the rich - toward very close economic partnerships. But, comfortable or not, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, like President Bill Clinton, went to some lengths to encourage those seeking to

enter his trading system. Immigration is as urgent an issue in Europe as it is in America, and in both cases the governments of the rich countries have a clear sense that it could become dangerous quickly if conditions among their poorer neighbors were to deteriorate. A lot of people in Eastern Europe and Latin America (although not so far in North Africa) have come to believe that rising prosperity supports democracy and vice versa. It is very much in the interest of the rich to keep their

neighbors thinking that way. -THE WASHINGTON POST.



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OSLO — Norway is different. While the European Union is expanding to include 15 nations, and most countries in Eastern Europe are eager to join, Norway has snubbed the Last month's referendum was arranged so that we would vote

than elsewhere in Europe. support for the "yes" side.
Norwegians' opposition to
the European Union is not

Norwegians also differ on the political-cultural level. The concept of equality is probably stronger here than in any other country. The so-called countercultures are weaker than they used to be, but they continue to represent an important force in Norwegian politics.

Norway, Norway has been oriented more toward the Atlantic and less toward the Continent than its Nordic neighbors. Our history is an even more

important factor. Norway is a young nation. "Union" is a dirty word, conjuring up 500 years of unequal union with Denmark and Sweden. On the Continent, on the other hand, it is an honorable word used in connection with efforts for integration, large and small. It is important that Norway did not become independent

until 1905 and that nationalism was strengthened rather than weakened during World War II. Finland and most of the East European countries are even younger than Norway, but in their cases nationalism and enthusiasm for the Union go hand in hand. With the demise of the Soviet Union and the weakening of Russia, they can finally make their own choices. EU membership is a matter of defending themselves against a

possible new Russian threat. Norway chose to join NATO in 1949. Our security problem was thus solved, and this important dimension is largely eliminated from the debate. With our oil and gas re-

sources, the Norwegian econo-

my is one of Europe's strongest.

In Sweden, Finland and the East European countries, EU membership is expected to solve major economic problems.

The nature of the Norwegian economy is also unusual. It consists partly of extremely international sectors (oil, gas and shipping) which also do well

outside the European Union. Its

industrial sector, which proba-

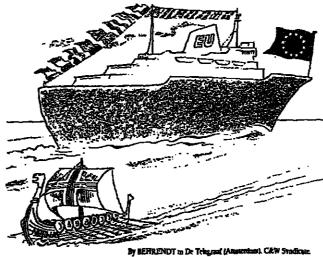
bly would reap the greatest

By Geir Lundestad

Norwegians Choose to Stay Different

benefits from membership, is relatively weak. Due to solid opposition from farmers and fishermen who, for obvious reasons. fear external competition, the economic factor was a far less clear reason for voting "yes"

way, initiatives from the center are seldom more than a basis for further discussion. The writer is director of the Norwegian Nobel Institute and professor of international history at the University of Oslo. He contributed this comment to the In-ternational Herald Tribune.



### A Lesson in Saving the Countryside

N ORWEGIANS were more she spoke of the unconscious way the European Union is husthan their city jobs. There was a recognition that 45,000 small farmers are the roots that nourish rural Norway. Take away the farmers scratching a living from smallholdings in the bleak floors of the fjord lands and an essential part of Norway dies.

The farmers were the locomotive of the "no" campaign, They underwrote much of the advertising and took time out to march on Oslo.

High costs, poor land and a harsh climate would have made Norwegian produce hopelessly inefficient in the European market. As the Highlands are to Scotland, so the fjord districts are to Norway. The Center (Farmers) Party leader, Anne Enger Lahnstein, struck a chord among many Norwegians when tling countries down a blind alley where the cost of everything is made clear but the real value of society is obscured. The farmers say they have

sounded a warning for EU smallholders: sooner or later the Common Agricultural Policy will collapse and take them down with it. Norway, in choosing to protect its farmers, has stood up for cultural values above and beyond profit-and-loss economics. This may not be the wealthier

way; it may cost a great deal. But

Norway will stand there like a billboard flashing this message:

"And now for something completely different." -Jonathan Magnus Ledgard, commenting from Stavanger, Norway, for the International Herald Tribune.

#### O P I N I O N

### A Scorching Battle of Ideas, And Democrats Just Watch

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — Michael Horowitz, a former Reagan budget official now with the Hudson institute, offers the provocative suggestion that, even with President Bill Clinton in office, the Republican Party has become the dominant party in America, because, he says, it is the place where the battle of ideas is taking place.

Recalling the work of the late Samuel Lubell, a shrewd observer of mid-20th century politics. Mr. Horowitz says he agrees with Mr. Lubell's contention that the two parties are rarely at parity. One sets the tone, the other reacts. The meaningful policy de-bates almost always take place within the prevailing party.

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If that is a good criterion, then there is a powerful case to be made for the Republican Party as the "sun" in the current political solar system, to use Mr. Lubell's metaphor. The president is preparing his 1995

agenda and the policy-making wheels are spinning inside the White House and the Office of Management and Budget. The Democratic Leadership Council, which Mr. Clinton headed before his 1992 campaign, has offered up a serious 10-point domestic and international program, which the president last week praised as a base for his own forthcoming proposals.

But all this is reactive to the Republican "Contract With America," the manifesto for the most successful Republican congressional campaign in a generation. The contract was a strong policy document, out-lining positions on issues that Republicans have been arguing vigorously for years.

The debates began even before Ronald Reagan became president, when the supply-side insurgents challenged the views of conventional conservatives and converted the Republican Party to a doctrine of continually cutting marginal tax rates. The argument was broadened to include everything from "star wars" to New Federalism during the years of the Reagan presidency.

But when George Bush succeeded Mr. Reagan, the fire seemed to vanish from Republican policy debates. The Bush team provided managerial efficiency in foreign affairs, but it left a large vacuum in domestic policy, which Mr. Clinton and his colleagues in the Democratic Leadership Council sought to fill.

Their struggle to define what a New Democrat is produced interesting ideas, some of them - a nationp service program, direct loans to college students — included in Mr. Clinton's first-year program.

But budgetary and political con-straints forced shrinkage or postponement of many of the bolder ideas. A restructuring of welfare and job training programs was pushed off the agenda by a health policy initiative that proved to be an indigestible stew of ideas, not a breakthrough.

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The Republicans have been remarkably swift in seizing the opportunity Mr. Clinton and the Democrats left open. While deftly sabotaging several of Mr. Clinton's initiatives and stigmatizing others. they have been honing their own ideas, helped by conservative think tanks with financing from corporate America and wealthy givers.

Many of the ideas are controversial, even within Republican ranks. The balanced-budget constitutional amendment commands broad support, but there is division over whether it should guarantee, in its own text, that federal costs will not be pushed off onto the states.

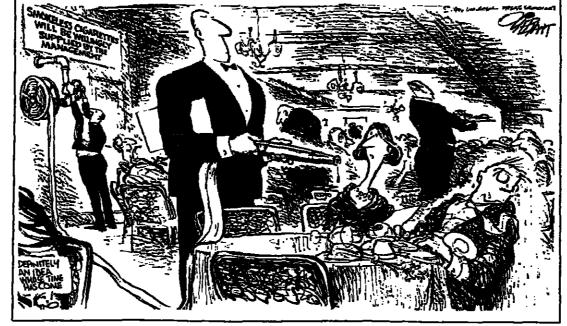
The term-limits constitutional amendment is even more divisive. Among proponents, there is an emotional dispute whether House members should be limited to six years service or 12, as senators would be. Even more interesting is the emergence of a challenge from credentialed conservatives who question the whole concept as an infringement on voters' freedom of choice.

A third constitutional amendment proposing prayer in public schools is being pressed by Representative Newt Gingrich, House speaker-designate, but is staunchly opposed by key Senate Republicans. Some Republicans want Congress to rewrite the rules on welfare. Oth-

ers want to take the federal government out of the picture and let each state handle welfare as it deems best. On budget and tax issues, some Republicans see opportunities for significant savings in the Pentagon budget. Others insist that defense

is undernourished. On immigration policy, the real debate has been taking place among Republicans, with Governor Pete Wilson of California favoring a cutoff of health and education benefits to illegal immigrants, while Jack Kemp and Bill Bennett are opposed.

The Republicans are not similarly engaged on health care or on measures to rebuild workers' confidence in their economic future. But Democrats can take little comfort. On many of the issues that voters care most about, the Republicans are hogging the debate - giving them a grip on the political future. The Washington Post.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peace, War, Appeasement

Regarding "On Bosnia, Washington Should Stop Deferring to London and Paris" (Opinion, Nov. 29) by Adrian Hastings, Norman Stone, Mark Almond, Noel Mulcolm und Brunka Magas:

There are serious moral, political and strategic arguments for lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia - especially now that the authorizations to the United Nations and NATO to use force in response to attacks on the safe areas have been followed by such patently inadequate practice. However, the five writers arguing for an end to the embargo simplify the argument when they speak of the arms embargo's "flimsy legal basis."

In fact, the UN Security Council's repeated reaffirmations of its original 1991 arms embargo Resolution 713 show that the Security Council, rightly or wrongly, made a con-scious decision to continue to apply the arms embargo in new circumstances where, as it was obviously aware, the old unified Yugoslavia no longer existed. That decision, even though it is in tension with the right of states to self-defense, does have a legal basis in the UN Charter.

On a separate point, the same five writers attribute to three colleagues and myself, writing in your columns, the view that "establishing Bosnia as an independent state was wrong." ("Prevent a Return to All-Out War in Ex-Yugoslavia," Nov. 16, by Adam Roberts, John Chipman, Philip H. Gordon and Mats Berdal). That is not what we said. We wrote that Bosnia was "prematurely born" and we cast doubt on whether it can function in its formal but uncon-

trolled borders. It is obvious and been dictated to them by outsiders impressive that many of its inhabit- unable or unwilling to enforce it. ants - Serbs and Croats as well as Muslims — have supported the state of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and have they declared Bosnia independent done so in extraordinarily difficult circumstances. Bosnia has many achievements to its credit, political and military. We did feel it right, however, to draw attention to the ground for doubt as to whether the whole of Bosnia, in its old frontiers,

can be put together again. ADAM ROBERTS. Oxford, England.

Regarding "To Understand Bosnia" (Letters, Dec. 2):

T. G. L. Thirkell writes that the United States, in light of its own 'ethnic cleansing" and land grabbing in the 19th century, should understand Europe's role in Bosnia and should not force solutions on Europeans. However, more recent history - World War I and World War II, for instance — suggests that, left on its own, Europe is not capable of resolving its own problems. It is better for the United States to push Europe now to stop appeasing the Serbs than to risk greater problems in the future.

> ED PENTZ. London.

The Serbs, far from wanting to reunite a nation, merely want to threaten Norwegian democracy. protect their own people from once welfare, environmental regulations more being subjected to the hostile and food quality. As for the political ethnic groups that kept them in a philosophy represented by Ameristate of seridom for centuries. philosophy represented by Ameristate of seridom for centuries.

months, but as victors on the battle- be said to exist here. field they obviously did not feel they should accept a peace plan that had

In their view the war was precipitated by the Bosnian Muslims when

without the consent of the Serbs. President Bill Clinton's talk of lifting the arms embargo was a clear signal that the United States had officially taken sides. As a result, the Bosnian Muslims reopened hostilities with a thrust from Bihac. The Serbs counterattacked, and military logic would no doubt demand that they take the staging area of the

> RAINER ESSLEN. Avignon, France.

Norway: Who Wanted What

Muslims' assault.

Francis M. S. Peele (Letters, Dec. 2) writes that the message of the Norwegian popular rejection of Eu-ropean Union membership is similar to that which he claims should be taken from the U.S. midterm elections: "Shrink government, and leave us alone to get on with our lives." This flies in the face of the reality

of the Norwegian debate. It was not the conservative political forces that said no to the EU; it was the socialist left and centrist-agrarian factions which persuaded Norwegians that the EU's dedication to unrestricted capitalism and big business would The Serbs observed a cease-fire for happily report that such can hardly

ROBERT MARSALIS.

### No Sentiment, Please, We're In the Process of Interaction

By Kay S. Hymowitz

issue that led to the dismissal of Joycelyn Elders as U.S. surgeon general, is a howling example of bringing coals to Newcastle.

But as the smoke clears from this latest skirmish in the culture wars, we would do well to rethink the terms of the debate.

Condom distribution and "safe sex" curriculums that include explicit instruction in subjects like

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masturbation are only symptoms of a deeper problem: the prevalent divorce of sex from deep feeling. Critics have long assailed the news media's fascination with im-

ages of cool, routine sex and fleeting infatuations in a consumer's paradise of abundance and variety. But what is perhaps less well understood is the way sex educators implicitly endorse this state of affairs.

It is true that while Hollywood turns up the heat to a boil educators scramble for ways to keep the lid on. But though they may call into question the brutal posturing of gangster rappers and warn of the dangers of serial encounters, their medical, bureaucratic and legalistic assumptions add oxygen to the general atmosphere in which trivialized, deromanticized sex can thrive.

In the '50s, David Riesman wrote of young people who "take sex along with their vitamins." But today's chilly discourse makes the sex-education manuals of those days look like "Romeo and Juliet."

Sex nowadays is defined as a healthy release of energy. It is good for you, like jogging.
As Dr. Elders implies, sometimes

might be healthier to do it alone. "Sex is too important to glop up with sentiment," shrugged a Planned Parenthood pamphlet for teens. "If you feel sexy, for beaven's sake admit it to yourself. If the feeling and tension bother you, you can masturbate." "Sex for Yourself" is the title of a

chapter of "Girls and Sex," a selfhelp manual by Wardell Pomeroy, a co-author of the Kinsey Report. At its most sentimental, sex is only a method in an arid list of ways

"sharing" or "showing feelings," which is healthy as long as you are "comfortable" or "related" about it. And passionless, one might add. In today's sex-education manuals, profound emotions such as love, ealousy and longing are conspicuous only in their absence. Curriculums are replete with the

NEW YORK — Teaching teen-agers about masturbation, the "skills" required by today's healthy teenager: refusal skills, communication skills, decision-making skills, condom skills and, evidently, mas-

turbation skills. "We taught them what to do in the front seat of a car," Dr. Elders once said. "Now it's time to teach

them what to do in the back seat." Codes dealing with sexual harassment and with speech and sex on

campus support a similar idea. Reducing the most intimate of human relations to the terms of an apartment lease, the infamous Antioch College sexual offense policy enitomizes the new bureaucratic. technical sexuality: "Obtaining consent is an ongoing process in any sexual interaction," the code asserts without irony. "Verbal consent should be obtained with each new

duct in any given interaction."

Deprived of any ideal by which to imagine sex except as a negotiated contract for mutual self-expression, kids today would seem to have only

level of physical and/or sexual con-

one reason to say no: health. In a 1993 poll for Good Housekeeping and CBS, teenagers were asked to give reasons not to have sex. Eighty-five percent mentioned fear of AIDS or pregnancy; 4 percent said "not being in love."

Doing it," the popular term for intercourse, is a perfect emblem for the ethos of deromanticized sex. The lover - a word that seems a senile, mumbling old lady in this brave new world - is reduced to a throwaway object for relief of an annoying itch.

The better students have learned to ape their elders' lessons, with even more precision. According to Marian Jensen, dean of students at Antioch, wine and candlelight have been replaced by this seductive come-on: "Would you like to acti-

vate the policy?" All societies have artificial moral codes to tame and describe Eros. But surely this is the first generation in history to learn the lessons of love from lawyers, health professionals and bureaucrats.

Those lessons evoke a joyless and narcissistic sexuality — without ro-mance, without imagination, without idealism and without passion.

"We in America have tried ignorance," said Dr. Elders. "Now it's time to try education. If this is education, I'll take

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### China Bars U.S. Aide Who Went To Taiwan

The Associated Press

BELIING - China has canceled a planned visit by Transportation Secretary Federico F. Peña to protest his trip last week to Taiwan. He had been scheduled to visit China Jan. 7-

A Foreign Ministry spokes-man said Tuesday that Mr. Peña violated the agreements that established U.S.-China relations in 1979 by visiting Taiwan and "aroused strong dis-pleasure within China."

"Under such circumstances, it is hard for us to receive Mr. Peña in January," the spokes-man said. "Visits and exchanges of other senior officials of China and the United States will continue.

Beijing insists that the United States have only unofficial contacts with Taiwan.

Despite the Peña flap, China continues to maintain that high-level exchanges with the United States should be strengthened, the spokesman said.
China voiced "firm opposi-

tion and strong displeasure" when Mr. Peña paid a three-day visit to Taiwan and promised closer ties with Washington. Mr. Peña was only the second

cabinet-level official to visit Taiwan since Washington switched diplomatic recogni-tion to Beijing in 1979. His visit followed a U.S. decision to modestly upgrade relations in recognition of Taiwan's economic and democratic develop-

Beijing regards Taiwan as a renegade province and objects to governments sending highlevel visitors there.



The Chechen separatist leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, whose forces are battling Russian troops.

### Russians Move to Isolate Rebel Capital The resolution asked Mr. Zhirinovsky and the centrist analyst of regional issues for the

By Steven Erlanger
New York Times Service

MOSCOW - Fighting intensified Tuesday in the secessionist Chechnya republic as Russian troops moved to surround and seal off the capital,

President Boris N. Yeltsin ordered the invasion of Chechnya early Sunday, in the name of defending the unity of the Russian state. Russian troops have moved toward Grozny in three columns while Interior Ministry troops have tried to seal Chechnya's borders, hoping to prevent any new influx of arms.

Russian officials maintain that their troops will not move to seize Grozny, a city of 400,000 people, but only to besiege and isolate it as talks to try to settle the conflict continue slowly in the nearby North Ossetian town of Vladikavkaz.

The fighting was concentrated within 16 to 25 kilometers (10 to 15 miles) of Grozny, around a unitary airfield and a village that holds high ground overlooking the capital. The Chechens attacked Russian soldiers with a few tanks and ground-to-ground Grad missile launchers, while the Russians struck back with artillery, tank fire, assault helicopters and fighter-bombers.

With reports of 10 Russian soldiers dead and at least 14 wounded since the invasion, the Russian Parliament overwhelmingly passed a resolution Tuesday night criticizing Presi-dent Boris N. Yeltsin's use of the army to handle the Chechnya problem.

But the resolution, passed by 289 to 4 with one abstention. declared that Chechnya is an "an inalienable part of the territory of the Russian Federation, where the constitution and laws of the Russian Federation must be effective," and did not try to order Mr. Yeltsin to withdraw Russian troops.

Yeltsin and the government to use "all available political and tary struggle, and to prevent the infiltration of arms and soldiers sues, said that executive power

was harshly critical of Mr. Yeltsin, but the vote was a kind of victory for him. Three years ago, when Chechnya first declared its independence, Mr. Yeltsin issued a state of emergency and sent a much smaller contingent of troops there. The Russia had committed nearly former Russian Parliament de-manded that the troops be from the army and half of them pulled back, and Mr. Yeltsin from the Interior Ministry. It is

complied. But the resolution Tuesday night was more careful and did not confront Mr. Yeltsin with a demand he could not now meet. nist Party attacked him for abuse of power, he found support Tuesday from the ultrana-tionalist party of Vladimir V. a member of Mr. Yeltsin's Pres-tionalist party of Vladimir V. port Tuesday from the ultrana-

Women of Russia party.

Mr. Zhirinovsky, who regu-larly supports Mr. Yeltsin on into the territory from neigh-boring states in the northern in accordance with the constitution, under which Russia is a The parliamentary debate single, federated state. He said that the Parliament should not interfere, though it could question the government's compe-

> Russian officials said the size of the invasion force was a state secret, but some estimated that Moscow's biggest military operation since the end of the Af-

The Chechen forces loyal to their flamboyant leader, Dzho-While the more liberal deputies kar Dudayev, a former Soviet have broken with Mr. Yeltsin Air Force general, number on Chechnya, and the Commuabout 12,000 men, of whom "some 3,000 can fight intensively," said Leonid V. Smirnyagin,

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Mr. Smirnyagin, who had a long telephone conversation Tuesday with Mr. Dudayer said in an interview that the Russian aim is "to push Mr. Dudayev to accept some initi of treaty" recognizing Chech-nya as an integral part of Rus-

Despite Russian-engineered and funded efforts since this summer to overthrow MF. Dedayev, his downfall is not a Russian requirement, Mr. Shir-nyagin said.

Aid Promised by Run

Russia will allocate one finlion rubles, or \$300 million in aid to Chechnya once the conflict there is over, First Deputy Prime Minister Oleg Soskows said Tuesday.

The Russian press agency Itar-Tass, quoted him as telling an emergency session of a giveernment commission set up for the crisis in the region that the aid was intended to help restore Chechnya's economy.

#### RUSSIA: Moscow's Forces Nearing Enclave's Capital

Continued from Page 1 troops landed at the airport in the city of Vladikavkaz, about 80 kilometers southwest of

Grozny. Despite their overwhelming military superiority, some of the Russian troops appeared jittery as they approached the fighting Soldiers in a Russian armored fighting vehicle fired without warning on a group of Russian and American journalists. The journalists fled in their

U.S. television networks. Official casualty reports list-ed nine Russians killed and 14 wounded, but the toll seems likely to rise as the fighting intensifies. There were uncon-firmed reports that the Russian

cars, but the Russian troop car-

vehicles bearing crews from

blockade on Grozny by Tues- shis.

heavy fighting and bombard-ments northwest and east of the Chechen capital, from which many residents had fled before Russia's thrust into the region at dawn Sunday. Estimates of the number of Russian troops involved in the attack range from 20,000 to 40,000. Chechnya is believed to have more than a few thousand lightly

ner followed, again firing on sheria, a neighboring enclave whose people share close ethnic ties and Islam with the Che-

forces intended to impose a Chechnya, enraging the Ingu-

The Russians maintain that There were further reports of the Ingushis blocked their convoys and set fire to more than 30 military vehicles. Reporters saw the burned-out traines of

more than a dozen Russian ve-

hicles along a road in the village

of Barsuki.

The Ingushis make little se-cret of their disdain and intense dislike of the Russians.

Approaching the Western front, one passes through Ingushetia. a neighborner of the western heyev, 40 an eighborner of the western heyev, 40 an eighborner of the western heyev, 40 an eighborner of the western heyev. "These Russian forces are a member of a special forces unit of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs. "All they're chens. Russian armored col-umns passed through the en-clave on Sunday on their way to

### ITALY: Fissures in Ruling Coalition Widen as Magistrates Interrogate Berlusconi for 7 Hours

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a farce, the prime minister was the "comedian in chief."

Mr. Berlusconi was interviewed Tuesday by a trio of investigators led by Francesco Saverio Borrelli, the magistrate whose team has, in almost three years, interrogated thousands of businessmen and politicians embroiled in the scandals that finally brought down the country's postwar political giants. sion and uncertainty, though, the out-

Against the political backdrop of ten-

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nulment is the only option for

mills last month by petitioning

a Manila court to annul his

three children, the oldest of

whom is a 19-year-old universi-

ty student. Mr. Salvador told

the court he had been estranged

from his wife for 10 years and

plying with the essential obliga-

The Next Primate of Ireland

The Associated Press

the next Roman Catholic pri-

Monsignor Sean Brady, parish priest in Ballyhaise in County

Cavan, had been appointed co-

adjutor archbishop of Armagh,

a position that holds an auto-

matic right of succession to

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tions of the marriage."

Mr. Salvador fed the rumor

dissolving a matrimony.

for his coalition allies.

"A government crisis is certain," Mr. Bossi said in Milan late Monday. "And in less than a month you'll feel the first stirrings of the Second Republic. It will be the end of Berlusconi."

Mr. Bossi, a firebrand northern federalist, has assailed Mr. Berlusconi virtually from the moment the tycoon took power after elections in March that many Italians hoped would produce a loyal to the prime minister, but even as Berlusconi would once have welcomed.

Aquino met earlier this year on

the set of the Tagalog-language

movie "Nandito Ako" ("I'm

Here") and began dating secret-

ly. But the secret was soon plas-

tered all over Manila's newspa-

Miss Amino and had ditched

his mistress, the former starlet

Vivialyn Dungca, 24, with

whom he has a 2-year-old girl. Like Mr. Salvador, Kris

controversy. After her mother

triumphed over the dictatorship

in the 1986 revolution, Miss

Aquino had no trouble landing

roles - much to her mother's

consternation. Her movies were

ics. One of them once described

say the headstrong Miss

Aquino takes after ber father.

the opposition politician Ben-

igno S. Aquino Jr., who was

assassinated by soldiers loyal to

Mr. Marcos in 1983.

Friends of the Aquino family

1975 marriage to Maria Asun- pers when the actor confessed

cion Dabao, who now lives in at an emotional news confer-

the United States with their ence that he was in love with

was no longer "capable of com- Aquino has been no stranger to

Mr. Salvador and Miss of President Ferdinand Marcos

DUBLIN — A parish priest hits with young fans but drew who served more than a decade what can only charitably be

in Rome has been chosen to be called mixed reviews from crit-

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MANILA: An Aquino's Love Child RECOVERY: Good Times Roll CHIPS:

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slowdown in 1995 and perhaps

even a recession in 1996 should

The rapid growth this year

proved even more surprising

because the same forecasters

who expected only modest

gains also assumed that interest

rates would be one and a half

percentage points lower than

With six interest-rate in-

creases by the Federal Reserve

this year, why has the gain in

jobs and output picked up rath-

sons, from more aggressive bank lending to the long lags

between tighter money and re-

duced investment. But econo-

mists generally agree, that the

surge in output and employ-

ment was largely fueled by

strong buying at home and

abroad of America's increasing-

ly competitive goods and ser-

their share, in large part be-cause millions of homeowners

fattened their wallets in recent

years by refinancing mortgages

to cut their monthly payments.

Consumers did more than

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be taken very seriously.

other," the Corriere della Sera newspa-per said.

And remarks Tuesday by Giuseppe Tatarella, a deputy prime minister and senior figure in the neofascist National Alliance, only deepened the sense of

foreboding.

The Alliance has been consistently

come of the interrogation by the magis-trates seemed to hold little importance only to a tangle of confusion. "The prin-Mr. Tatarella was asked by reporters only to a tangle of confusion. "The prin- Mr. Tatarella was asked by reporters cipal source of our trouble is that we when the government parties would buried a republic without building another," the Corriere della Sera newspa
"verify" the viability of their coalition.

Additionally, the formerly Commu-nist Democratic Party of the Left and other opposition groups withdrew on Tuesday most of their objections in the upper house of Parliament to next year's budget legislation - a move that Mr.

BRUSSELS — NATO's sec-retary-general, Willy Claes, lashed out Tuesday at the UN operation in Bosnia for failing to request air strikes against forces that killed a Bangladeshi Mr. Claes, after an hourlong

session at NATO headquarters here with the U.S. defense sec- edged that there is nothing retary, William J. Perry, angrily denied reports that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization attacks, saying the alliance strikes," Mr. Perry said. could do nothing unless the The U.S. defense sec

"I'm waiting for some requests." Mr. Claes said at a

one request" for air strikes, he said. "We are ready, as always." Mr. Perry said the incident

Five peacekeepers were wounded after missiles were fired at a UN armored personnel carrier in the northwest Bihac region Monday. One of the

Mr. Claes's comments reflect

#### peacekeepers, some of whom allied defense ministers and dishave been taken hostage. But alliance officials, includ-

No Air Strike on Rebels Requested, Claes Says

NATO Chief Lashes Out at UN

ing Mr. Perry, contend the United Nations should do more to defend itself in the face of which has paralyzed the UN humanitarian operation.

NATO can do unless the UN decides to change its approach. "We have no authorization to

The U.S. defense secretary

plan for a potential withdrawal. NATO and U.S. officials have estimated that such a withdraw-Bosnian Serb harassment, al would require the alliance to send in 30,000 to 45,000 combat troops, and the United States However, both men acknowl- has offered to deploy as many Mr. Perry said U.S., British

cuss steps to strengthen the po-

sition of the UN force, or

and French defense officials were trying to salvage the UN because removing it would raise the specter of spreading war-

# Unveiled on Bosnia

New York Times Service

PARIS - France's recent threat to withdraw its troops from the United Nations peacekeeping force in Bosnia-Herzegovina was widely viewed here as a maneuver aimed at focusing attention on the new crisis there and mobilizing support for a fresh peace effort. Political experts said that, by

seeking in meetings in Wash-

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ington on Monday to dispel any notion that France wants to pull out of Bosnia, the French defense minister, François Leotard, was therefore reaffirming this country's long-term commitment to maintaining a peacekeeping mission there.

The experts noted that, while France's recent diplomatic tactics seemed aimed at embarrassing both the United States and the UN into urging that it not withdraw its troops, there has been no groundswell of political or public opinion here calling for such a withdrawal.

Forcien diplomats also believe that, with Prime Minister Edouard Balladur widely exspring's presidential elections here, he is eager not to find midst of a new Bosnian crisis provoked in part by a French troop withdrawal.

separated from France's undis- a view to a new peace drive. guised irritation at American policy toward Bosnia, provoked most recently by Washington's

arms embargo against the Muslim-dominated Bosnian govern-In private, French officials have also made no secret of the peace negotiations. fact that they blame American policy for encouraging the Bosnian Muslim offensive in the

northwestern enclave of Bihac that ended in near-disaster when Bosnian Serbs and dissident Muslims counterattacked

As the largest single contributor to the UN force in the

4,400 troops in the field. France has also been outspoken in responding to American criticism of the general UN performance there. The French force has suffered 22 soldiers dead and almost 400 wounded since the

seen as a calculated move to raise the diplomatic stakes, Foreign Minister Alain Juppé told Parliament that "the obstinacy of some and the demagogy of others risk setting the Balkans

Britain and Spain have also United States, Mr. Juppe clearly had Washington in mind when he criticized "governments that want to give us lessons when they have not lifted a little finger to put even one man

To underline France's view that it lacked international support for its military presence in Bosnia, Mr. Juppé then announced that France had asked the United Nations and NATO pected to be a candidate in next some 25,000 troops to protect a withdrawal.

But now, political experts lieve that it had achieved its Western policy on Bosnia and

While Mr. Leotard talked in tion to the conflict and that

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### CASTRO: No Fan of Capitalism, Cuba's Isolated President Still Warms to Better Economic Relations With U.S.

room. To his right sat a good friend, the Colombian novelist Gabriel García Márquez, who one night at the height of the refugee crisis spent an evening in Martha's Vineyard, off Massachusetts, talking politics, Faulkner and Cuba with

con. Cuba's lead negotiator in the talks that produced an agreement with the Clinton administration to stop the exodus. At the other, was Jose Antonio Arbesu, the Communist Party's chief expert on U.S. affairs and Mr. Alarcon's tive financier. senior deputy in his talks.

Covering their bets, Mr. Castro and his aides also asked after the new speaker of the House. Where was it that Newt Gingrich had gone to college? And what about the political future of the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin L. Powell?

Mr. Castro made no effort to disguise his real concern. He seemed troubled by the Republicans' sweeping victory in the Nov. 8 election, less out of any affinity for Mr. Clinton than from a fear that the end of the U.S. embargo might have been pushed further into the future. The refugees who fled Cuba in homemade

rafts over the summer did not leave for political reasons, he insisted once again: they were driven out by the embargo and the economic turmoil it had wrought. And whatever pain the embargo had inflicted on Cubans and their government, he promised, it would never force the sort of political opening that has been its stated goal.

"We are not going to negotiate the normalization of our relations on the basis of concessions," he said. "The United States did not blockade South Africa. It does not blockade Saudi Arabia, where a few rich families own all of the wealth. The United States does not dictate political con-

ditions to China. It does not dictate political conditions to Vietnam. Why does it have to

usually prefers rum and red vermouth, he said -Mr. Castro warmly recalled an early stay in the United States in 1948, telling of the basement apartment he had rented in a brownstone on West 82d Street in New York. Later on, as a young conspirator against the Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista, he said, he sneaked across the Rio Grande into Texas to meet with a prospec-

justice," he said, smiling. great political mileage he has got out of the

challenge.

"It is absolutely false that the blockade serves us as a political instrument to keep the people united.

the belief of Mr. Garcia Marquez, the author of "Autumn of the Patriarch" and "The General in His Labyrinth," about the solitude of power. Mr. Castro takes pride in telling of his travels around the island, his meetings with the workers, the "people's assemblies" at which he says they de-

Looking around a table of eight people much younger than himself, as waiters in white coats

in their mid-20s, a stage of life in which households are formed at a rapid pace and credit-card bills are run up to the top. The less widely heralded kick

to economic growth is exports. Merchandise exports constitute about 10 percent of output. With merchandise exports now growing at a remarkable 15 percent annual pace, Mr. Mellman of Morgan Guaranty pointed out the export boom is contributing one and a half percentage points to the overall economic growth rate of about 4 percent.

Another key factor, said

Richard F. Hokenson, an econ-

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large numbers of Americans are

Some growth for American exports was expected as the big industrial economies climbed out of recession. But the early exit from the downturn and the rapid pace of economic growth in Europe and Canada, averaging more than 3 percent, has far

exceeded consensus forecasts. While exports should keep rising, it would take exceptional circumstances to match the current pace of export growth.

Other sectors that would be pean Currency Units (about \$780).

EÚ officials said Tuesday that they were seeking to reach an interim agreement on con-

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### U.S. Warns EU

Jenrette, is that exceptionally was made clear in Mr. Kantor's

tariff levels would impose more than \$200 million in added duties on roughly \$3 billion of U.S. exports to the three countries, according to U.S. estimates. European officials contest those estimates as being

hit hard include chemicals, on which Washington estimates duties would rise by \$80 milrice, on which tariffs would soar from a mere \$3.50 a ton to the Union's prohibitive 650 Euro-

cessions to compensate the United States for the higher tar-iffs from Jan. 1. But they said tariffs would not necessarily come on other electronic goods, as the United States and its industry is demanding.

### asked for help.

news conference. "Sorry, there has never been

"should raise no doubts about the effectiveness" of NATO. lion, and many farm goods like and added, "NATO replies to requests from the UN forces."

soldiers from the UN Protection Force died of his wounds Tuesday. He was the 68th UN fatality in Bosnia. compensation for higher chip the frustration inside the alli-

ance at the UN's unwillingness to call for retaliatory air strikes. UN officials are worried about the safety of their international

dictate political conditions to us? Sipping a dry martini before the meal - he Across the table at one end was Ricardo Alar-

> "I probably still have a debt with American Mr. Castro did not wait to be reminded of the

> embargo over the years. "Some people ask why they do not lift the embargo, because it serves us as a pretext," he said. "The day that American businessmen want to come and do business here, it would be a great headache for us. But we are ready to face that

"Will they corrupt us? Will we fall sick with a terrible infection of capitalism? We are willing to

The Cuban leader is said not to subscribe to

cide the country's course.

glided from place to place with trays of simply prepared chicken and potatoes, he spoke of the revolution's being regenerated, producing able new cadres who deserve the responsibilities he has increasingly given them. They could be trusted, he added, not to "overthrow us or put us

before the firing squad."

What could be glimpsed at dinner suggested that Mr. Castro's authority remains paramount, even forbidding.

When asked, senior officials almost invariably dismiss the notion of ideological divisions within the government over the changes made. Yet, Mr. Castro was candid in acknowledging qualms about such steps as the wide opening to foreign investment, the advent of a flourishing parallel economy for Cubans with access to dollars, and the establishment this fall of free markets for some farm and factory goods.

"I sympathize more with some and less with others," he said of the changes, "But I have supported all of them because I think they are part of a coherent, necessary strategy and they have been taken by consensus. With every one of those joint ventures, they come to me for signatures - and I sign." Eight years after be abolished a first experiment in free markets for peasant farmers, Mr.

bles, raise livestock or make handicrafts to sell their surpluses at prices set by supply and "I was never a supporter of the peasant markets we had," he said. Noting that the new markets are wider in scope and more carefully regulated, he described them as more promising than in the first experiment. But he was quick to eign Relations Committee. add that he saw "negative aspects" as well, and

creating a greater appreciation among Cubans for the subsidized goods they buy from the state. "I say that the agricultural markets teach more about capitalism and socialism than a thousand schools of political instruction," he said. The challenge of rescuing Cuba's economy, Mr. Castro suggested, is psychological as well as

ideological. If he was not sanctioning the enrichment of his people, as China's paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, has done, Mr. Castro said that his government was allowing at least some Cubans to accumulate some wealth. It was permitting

farmers to hire laborers, he said, and he hinted

that it might eventually ease restrictions and allow other Cubans to hire help. Reflecting on the summit talks in Miami that he had missed, Mr. Castro maintained that his fellow Latin American leaders were selling off their assets too cheaply to private investors in a headlong rush to restructure their once heavily protected economies and gain freer trade with

Had he been given time on the floor in Miami, he said, he would have warned of social needs left unmet, of economic development gone out of control, of a poor country being swallowed up in the big arms of the United States. Castro was particularly open about his reserva-tions in allowing all Cubans who grow vegeta-But as he bid his guests farewell, Mr. Castro

the United States.

seemed to yearn for a bit of that embrace. Standing atop the front steps of the vast palace, he finally asked his American visitors to convey his best wishes to Mr. Gingrich and the Republican leader of the Senate. Then he paused for a moment and remembered that a conservative Republican will soon head the Senate For-

"And also to Jesse Helms," he added. "Why that part of the value of the markets was in not?

had failed to respond with air unilaterally conduct air peacekeeping force in Bosnia

### United Nations commanders came to Brussels to meet with fare. A Parisian Gambit

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ablaze tomorrow." warned that they might have to pull their troops out of Bosnia. While he did not name the

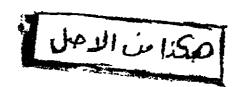
on the ground." to plan the withdrawal of UN forces. The United States said it would be willing to contribute

himself campaigning in the said, France appeared to beimmediate objective of uniting But French threats cannot be was ready to soften its tone with

Washington on Monday of ways of beefing up the UN milidecision to stop enforcing the tary presence in Bosnia, Mr. Juppé has always stressed that there can be no military soluthere is no alternative to the

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John Paul II will tour France in 1996, visiting the Britanny and the Champagne and Loire reutor to the UN force in the gions, a church official said on former Yugoslavia, with some Tuesday.



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Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - Clinton administration officials are working to keep Russia's assault on Chechnya from getting in the way of an urgent effort to improve U.S. relations with Moscow, which have become strained by disagreements over NATO and Bosnia.

The officials repeated President Bill Clinton's general line, issued Sunday, that Russia's handling of the breakaway region is its internal business, although he hoped violence could be avoided. The drive on

Chechnya by Russian tanks and aircraft Vice President Al Gore and cabinet members to discuss economic, nonproliferation by the warfare. and other issues.

Mr. Gore's visit this week is largely designed to shore up aspects of relations with Moscow that administration officials say are going well, including trade, science, talks on conversion of outdated Russian nuclear plants and energy conservation. These issues, a White House official said, are signs of a "strong relationship" with

The official said he did not expect Rus- stand would throw relations with Russia infiltration of nationalist Islamic influcomes on the eve of visits to Moscow by sian officials, including Prime Minister into a deep freeze. Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, to be distracted

> Despite the use of force against the Chechens, he said, "Russia is a more stable country than it was a year ago."

> With its position on Chechnya, Washington is saying that it considers that the Russian federation's borders are inviolate even when they encompass regions like Chechnya where the local ethnic group considers itself non-Russian. Any other

Moscow worries about the potential for ethnic strife within its borders, and that concern is one of its rationales for keeping watch on former republics of the Soviet Union.

Russia insists that it must keep troops in the so-called near abroad to keep ethnic strife, and in some cases the seeds of nationalism, from spilling into the country from neighboring states that share ethnic kinship with Russian minorities.

In particular, Russia worries about the

ences from its south, It is far from clear that such influences are at work in Muslim Chechnya, although Turkey, a secularlyoriented Muslim state, has expressed concern over the fighting there.

In any event, the Clinton administration is refusing to endorse a special Russian sphere of influence in the former domains of the Soviet Union, and this is one of the sources of recent tension with Moscow.

On his trip, Mr. Gore will discuss recent bilateral problems with Russia, which the White House official played down as prob-

lems that were typical of a "mature" relationship.

There is at least one indication that Mr. Gore's visit is not expected to erase differences: Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher is planning to meet with Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev next month, probably in Europe, a State Department official said.

He will focus especially on Russia's reluctance to take part in the Partnership for Peace program of military cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-

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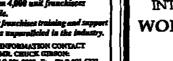
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A scene from the Kirov's staging of Tchaikovsky's "Queen of Spades," with Irina Bogacheva as the Countess.

#### By David Stevens International Herald Tribune

ARIS — The opening of the wall between East and West has sent out shock waves in the musical world, not the least being the revelation (in the West) of the opera company of the Kirov/Maryinsky Theater of St. Petersburg as being one of Europe's most

enterprising and musically solid troupes. Perhaps this should not be a surprise, but while the Kirov Ballet has been spreading the theater's name around the world since 1961, Russian opera was represented to the world mainly by Moscow's Bolshoi.

That this troupe currently seems to be the strongest in Russia is due largely to its vigorous 41-year-old music director, Valery Gergiev. After several years conducting in the house, Gergiev took over the top post in 1988, and when the rules of the came changed he hit the ground running. With extensive touring and an ambitious audio-video recording contract with a ma-jor company (Philips), the company seems to be traversing the heavy economic waters

The dual nomenclature of Kirov and Maryinsky is transitional, for maximum brand-name recognition. The Maryinsky, built in 1860, was named for Maria Alexandrovna, wife of Alexander II. St. Petersburg was the musical and political capital, and the Maryinsky was the house of Tchaikovsky. Rimsky-Korsakov, and Petipa and

In 1935, it was renamed for Sergei Kirov, Communist Party secretary of Leningrad, assassinated the previous year. But Leningrad has become St. Petersburg again, and the Kirov label will gradually be dropped, Gergiev said when he met the press here recently.

The company's opera and ballet troupes are midway through a two-month tour, the key part being the first installment of a iong-range "residency" arrangement with the Theatre des Champs-Elysées.

Two aspects of its season here are striking. One is that this is a real company, sharing language and style and composed of artists used to performing together, a phenomenon largely mongrelized out of existence in the West. The other is the heavy presence of Nikolai Rimsky-Korsa-kov, with "Sadko" and "Kitezh." This is the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth; no anniversary is needed in Russia,

Opera from St. Petersburg brings Russian tradition with a capital T.

where most of his 15 operas are repertory items, but they are real rarities in the West.

All lour operas given here are described as "new productions," but this term has to be understood in a particular way. In each case the accent was not on novelty, but on tradition with a capital T. All four are staples of the Russian repertory, three of them had their world premieres at the Maryinsky, and what was on offer here was operatic history, not some eccentric updating of it.

Thus, the delicious fairy-tale sets and costumes for "Sadko" are based on the 1920 designs of Konstantin Korovin, "The Legend of the Invisible City of Kitezh and the Maiden Fevronia," to use the full name, is staged by the dancer-choreographer Andris Liepa, and the sets by Anatoli

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Nezhny are a historic reconstitution of the 1907 premiere of this religious-pantheistfantastic epic.

Mussorgsky's vast historical mural of political intrigue, "Khovanshchina," is in a production virtually identical to one done by the same team for the Bolshoi about 40 years ago, and seen in Paris on the Bol-shor's 1969-70 visit. Tchaikovsky's "Queen of Spades" is in a staging by Yuri Temir-kanov, Gergiev's predecessor as the Kirov music director, and designed by Igor Ivanov. Both were effective and atmospheric, if not in the least innovative.

Among the singers, Galina Gorchakova in the major soprano roles and the mezzosoprano Olga Borodina are stars, already in demand in the West, Larissa Diadkova sang strongly and gave character to the aged Countess in "Spades." A formidable bass lineup is headed by Bulat Minzhilkiev, a powerful Ivan Khovansky, and Mikhail Kit, imposing as the fanatic Old Believer, Dosifei. Among the tenors, Gegam Grigorian hardly cuts a romantic figure on stage, but has an impressively controlled voice; Yuri Marusin was a Hermann, no mean feat, and Vladimir Galusin went the route without flagging in Sadko's marathon duties. The list could be extended.

Future seasons here will give a better idea of the Maryinsky's range. At home the company performs an international repertory and, in the music of this century. reports of David Freeman's new staging of Prokofiev's "Fiery Angel" make it sound daring, while Gergiev argues the artistic duction.
merits of Shostakovich's "Katerina Ismailova," often considered a political revision of "Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk."

The trick now will be for Gergiev to maintain the company's unity of style the intellect: yet Sean Kenny's while opening it up to new influences.

# The Man Who Buries the Noise

By Mike Zwerin International Herold Tribuna

ARIS - Scheduled to open next month, the Cîté de la Musique is on a corner near the Porte de Pantin, one of the noisiest intersections in Paris traffic jams, fire engines, construction crews, heavy commerce, kids playing, Parisians yelling at each other.

The Cité includes a concert hall, a library, an information center, offices, a museum, a restaurant, practice rooms and student studios joined together by an interior "Rue Musicale," for which Louis Dandrel is designing sound to bury the noise.

Dandrel's work is close to that of an acoustic engineer and an architect, though he is neither. Although he was program manager of the state radio station France Musique and founding manager of the monthly magazine Le Monde de la Musique, he is not a media mogul. For the past 10 years he has been the director of Espaces Nouveaux, a think tank funded by the French government, but he is no foundation maven. He teaches an urban sound anthropology course at the University of Paris but he is not an academic. A trained musician (Paris Conservatory), he refers to himself as a public composer and a sound designer.

He treats noise in the Cagian sense — John Cage said that all noise is musical if perceived musically. This includes coughing in concert halls and motorcycles revving up outside.

Doesn't new sound, designed or not, just add to the noise?

They asked me to design an audio identity for this public indoor street joining the different portions of the building. I made five gongs, each one with a different harmonic series. They will ring at different times and the



made a cloud of sound with and more people and we're runeight little bells fastened to the ning out of room. The decibel glass ceiling. So it becomes like a count keeps rising. It is possible fugue. The street noise is my to organize urban sound more contrebass section, the bottom intelligently but unhappily of the orchestra, the gongs are like brass and woodwinds and on top of that is delicate pianissimo veil, like strings."

He compared the experience to going into an air conditioned building. "Oh," you say. 'It's nice and cool in here. I feel fresh." So he is not adding noise, he is refreshing the place, reorganizing existing noise. The medium and low sounds, the urban noise, are grey. With them alone every day is a grey day. He doesn't erase them. The waves and the clouds will make the day sunnier.

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"Would you prefer apartment houses? Sound pollution is getting out of control. Jet planes break the sound barrier over the Eskimos and the Brazilian rain forest. There are ever increasing numbers of automosounds roll along the curved biles in the cities. There are the TV blasting away. They have no walls like bubbles. On top of that ghetto blasters. There's more escape. There may be an autor-

ANDREL loves ur-ban energy. City noise has a positive connotation. People creating things and relating to one another. He just wants a choice, the choice to take that crucial step "anywhere, any-"Let's face it," he shrugs.

That's a bourgeois pleasure. Rich people can and do have that choice. Not poor people. There are something like 90. decibels in blue-collar working environments. Getting home, the level is not much lower. When they arrive, there are four kids screaming. They do not have the money for a nursery and a nanny. They hear the neighbors argue at night through thin walls, they hear floor scraping on Sunday morning. There is always a hi-fi or a

you jump; you feel like duck-ing like hurling it at the wall. Dandrel would prefer a mee little ring, like your mother caresses you and whispers in your ear, wake up, darling. We're not slaves of telephones. Shouldn't it be more gentle with us? It can say, sweetly, 'Monsieur, you are wanted.'"

'audio exclamation points." They attract your attention before the announcement of a stop or doors closing. These warnings sound very often so they have to be neutral exclamation points or passingers will soon get sick of them fle is proposing a sort of calming mid-range arpeggio. He played it on his piano. It is a B-har minor 13th chord.

#### LONDON THEATER

### Oliver!' A Celebration of a Show

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - With \$12 million already in the box-office at the London Palladium, you'd be wise to start booking "Oliver!" tickets for next Christmas rather than this one: that theater may indeed not need another show before the turn of the century. But in upgrading his own favorite musical from its original 1960 surroundings to the broad stage, Cameron Mackintosh has paid a price bevond that of the massive pro-

This was always a chirrupy, sentimental selection of highlights from the novel, Dickens for the theme park rather than

grainy small-stage claustropho-bia which, allied to Georgia ness and Moody in a rather genthe sugar. "Oliver!" was never exactly Brechtian, but what we show itself.

Yet song after song still soars out of this classic Lionel Bart score, the best written in Britain in the quarter-century separat-"Blood Brothers." Every num-"Bless the Bride" from ber is both a hit and an old friend, and in this huge spectacle as coordinated by Sam Mendes the only other problem is that the show is stopped so often it never really has the chance to get fully started.

Jonathan Pryce has yet to take revolutionary sets gave it a full measure of Fagin, taking ref-

Dickensian caricatures. Instead we get those dazzling

numbers, Anthony Ward's Palladium-pantomime scenery and performances to match. It is a joyous evening for family parties of all ages, but still not quite what it was. In a highly Dickensian

Christmas season for the London theater, brave is the team that goes back to him for the RSC. It was its Trevor Nunn/ John Caird "Nicholas Nickleby" of 1980 which not only brought back the possibility of books on stage, but also opened up the reality of the broad-scale British musical for the first

All credit therefore to Ian Judge, aiways the most showbiz-oriented of the current RSC team of directors, and the adaptation skills of John Mortimer, for giving us this winter at the Barbican a new "Christmas Carol" which, like "Nickleby" but unlike "Oliver!" does in fact manage to tackle the entirety of the book and all its social and historical implications.

With this epic "Carol," the RSC has at last found its very own "Wind in the Willows," a seasonal treat which can come back into the repertoire Christmas after Christmas Clive Francis leads a huge

cast, unable as was Dickens himself to explain where Scrooge comes from or what makes him so horrible at the outset and so schmalzy by the close. Outside of Shakespeare, the RSC has always had trouble taking the measure of the main Barbican stage and the festive calendar: here at last, with a costume parade and the oldest of seasonal chestnuts in the fire, they have managed a lavish audience gift.

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uge from the shadows of Guin-ness and Moody in a rather gen-director, the actor Nigel Haw Brown's heartbreaking Nancy, the old soul who appears from thome has chosen to revive and did at least cut acid into some of the look of the set to be the star in "The Claudestine Maravuncular manager of a timber riage," never the easiest of com-factory run by militant midgets. edies since it was derived from a get now is, in the wide-stage Miles Anderson is an equally set of relatively imdramatic Hoversion, all too often a celebra-unthreatening Bill Sykes, and garth caricatures and written by David Garrick and the barrister George Colman) neither of whom ever quite seems to have had the same play in mind. Moreover it depends, if it is to rise above its own brokenbacked plot, on a performance of tremendous and eccentric charisma from the actor playing Lord Ogleby.

> But Hawthorne is an infinitely subtle player and has trouble with the sheer lunacy of the role, though his own production draws memorable ugly-sister sketches from Susan Engel and Deborah Findlay. It does not, however, make the case for a classic in need of revival.

T the Orange Tree in Richmond, a long overdue London pre-Red Menace," the off-Broadway musical that made a star of Liza Minnelli back in 1965 and established, pre-"Cabaret," the songwriting team of Kander & Ebb. The book here is just terrible, and most of the songs seem to be in the wrong places: but they are a fascinating curtainraiser for the later work, and Sam Walters has discovered a 2 feisty leading lady in Lucy Tre-

The problem here is that David Thompson's much-revised 3 book seems terminally unable to decide whether it is parody. ? ing or celebrating the Mercury \_ Theatre/WPA workshop theaters of the 1930s, and as a result no mood is ever set for in long enough to make any real sense within the plot or the period: by the time they wrote "Cabaret" only a year later, the composers had learned enough 15

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OUR \$32.95 for "The Gas Station in America" brings you two books for the price of one. The first is a competent if prosaic history that more or less delivers what the book's title promises. The second is an exercise in late 20th-century academic gobbledygook and solipsism so egregious as to leave the reader gasping for air. Let's dispose of the first book

first. John Jakle, a professor of geography at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, and Keith Sculle, head of research and education at the Illigois Historic Preservation Agency, have convinced themselves that the gasoline station

THE GAS STATION IN time not only for the student and scholar, but also for the general reader," which may sound fairly ludicrous unless one hears in mind that "icon" is a vogue word in the pop culture crowd these days.

> Jakle and Sculle have researched the history of gas stations with a thoroughness that borders on obsession and narrate it in prose that serves as positive proof that too many authors spoil the book. They ask, "How does human agency play out through social structures to configure the built environment as meaningful place?"

This book is their answer to that question, or at least their attempt at an answer. To be sure, they are halfway through the book before they really get down to the business at hand. When we do get to gas stations
— "roadside facilities specially designed to sell gasoline and othas lubricants, tires and batteries,

analysis of nine "prevailing structural types."

'Gasoline station design, the authors inform us with a solemnity appropriate to their subject, "was not merely an accommodating of mechanical systems useful in dispensing petroleum products. Rather, companies staked their reputation on the images created." They did this "through what we call place-product-packaging," which is a clumsy way of saying that the gas station's design is a form of advertising.

All of which may seem trans-

parently and transcendently obvious, but one must never underestimate the academic's capacity to squeeze the ethereal out of the mundane. "Gasoline stations, like everything else in the Ameri-can scene, invite interpretation," the authors say. "As part of the American landscape they beg to be read for cultural and social er closely related products, such meaning." The authors do not manage to extract a thimbleful for the automobile" - the au- of such meaning from the gas "an important icon of our thors offer a bricks and mortar stations they celebrate, but in

of meaning counts for more than the identification of it. In this the authors are faithful to the dictates of the age.

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They are even more so in the opening chapter, where they ask another question: "To what extent did personal history even personality rooted in childhood - help dictate research and writing interests?" And then proceed to answer it with extensive biographies of themselves. This is the latest academic rage, self-infatuation masquerading as scholarship, and in "The Gas Station in America" it achieves what is for the moment its apotheosis.

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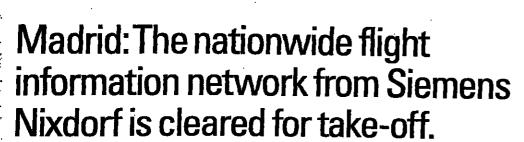
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### Vienna: Austria's biggest ever computer contract goes to Siemens Nixdorf.

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Siemens Nixdorf has been awarded the contract for the Austrian Labour Market Service (AMS) as the single source partner and prime contractor for an extensive outsourcing project. By 1997, according to the project, 114 provincial and regional offices and 31 employment information centers nationwide will have changed over to a new client-server system and will be integrated in an online Ethernet network. At 2.1 billion schillings (around US\$200 million), this is the largest IT contract ever awarded by the Austrian Republic, and represents a major order for Siemens Nixdorf's UNIX computers a total of 220 RM400 and RM600 highpower computers are to be installed as local servers for 5,200 PCs, 3,400 printers and fully integrated self-service

terminals. With just a few keystrokes, the job seeker can access all the data in the computer system, not only details of job vacancies and training and retraining opportunities nationwide, but also background information on the economic state of the local job market or the state of the local housing market. This facility will soon cover the whole of Europe. The Siemens Nixdorf solution is open for connection to the "Eures" work placement system. Just how effectively Siemens Nixdorf solutions are working for employment authorities is demonstrated by similar facilities already operating in seven European countries, where the national average period of unemployment has decreased by two days, with commensurate savings on state unemployment benefits.



Siemens Nixdorf has landed a contract with AENA (Aeropuertos Nacionales v largest flight-safety communications

at nine airports so far. Major expansion of the network is envisaged for next vear. Airports are able to communicate with each other within seconds via E-mail. Data on flight cancellaions, delays, earlier arrival times or modified light routes are exchanged rom computer to computer o allow rapid response on the ground. Highpeed computers proride supersonic speed or the communica-

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in the central AENA service points connected with all airports. Efficient, fast and easy to operate with Windows -Navegación Aérea), implementing the these were the features that convinced AENA. It is planned to extend the system in Spain based on X.400 standards solution by additional commercial and administrative appli-

cations and to integrate it into other airport networks such as SITA and AFTN. To achieve this, Siemens Nixdorf will install new Pentium computers as well as 17 RM400 systems in the second and third phases of the venture.

### Brussels: X-Fire-CS on permanent emergency assignment for the Belgian Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Fast, reliable and compatible - Siemens Nixdorf's new open systems policy has the Belgian Ministry of Internal Affairs convinced. To enhance the exchange of information via the "National Information Network for Fire and Rescue Services" (RINSIS), the Ministry placed an order for RM computer technology on an open UNIX system basis. In future the system will link the Government's coordination center with 450 workstations at regional and local emergency call reception points, fire services, and civil defence and rescue organizations throughout Belgium - nationally via Bemilcom, the Belgian military network, via X.25, and locally via Ethernet. With the combined power from RM computers and workstations and the X-Fire-CS solution intervention management and control system, when an

emergency occurs, RINSIS can be used to immediately activate the required countermeasures, and for total coordination of emergency measures on the spot. What sort of emergency is involved? Fire, flood, road accident or chemical spillage? Are there casualties? What is the best strategy to deal with the disaster and rescue and shelter the victims? All these questions can be quickly clarified with X-Fire-CS, ensuring that the right emergency resources arrive at the scene of the event, fully informed and with the right equipment. RM computers form the cornerstone of the network. They provide all the networked workstations with all the required data - quickly, and extremely reliably, thanks to special failsafe facilities. They ensure that, with RINSIS, the data processing operation runs flawlessly and without panic.

### SIEMENS NIXDORF

# Munich: Siemens Nixdorf makes service for BMW customers just a matter of a quick pit stop.

After Europe and the USA, it's Asia's turn to get the benefits of Siemens Nixdorf IT and Siemens automation technology for BMW service without delays. In Japan and China DIS – the Siemens Auto-

the Siemens Automation diagnosis and information system to identify possible problem areas, in conjunction with onboard diagnosis in each BMW – is also being tested. This system combines with TIS, the technical information system from

Siemens Nixdorf, to provide a solution for efficient service support. TIS acts as an electronic maintenance manual with a CD-ROM data medium that not only reduces the volume of paper generated to a minimum, but also gives BMW service technicians, within seconds, all the information they require-from details of the correct specialized tool to be used right through to complete instructions on repair and installation. The two systems can be integrated into a single comprehensive retailer information system - with other Siemens Nixdorf components such as the Electronic Parts Catalog (EPC) with data stored and ready for queries on every

imaginable component, just by inputting the chassis number. In future, there will also be business management software packages to provide support for order processing and dispo-

sition. The introduction of this UNIX solution in Japan and China will mean that, by the end of 1994, there will be around 2,500 DIS, TIS and EPC systems in operation worldwide. So that in more than 100 countries the magic formula

for rapid BMW customer service will be: integrated information and automation technology from Siemens and Siemens Nixdorf.



Payment transactions were grinding to a halt because of the millions of documents involved – transfer orders, cheques, direct debit orders – in spite of home banking, self service terminals and other alternative routes. The Swiss Banking Corporation (SBC), the third largest financial institution in Switzerland, decided it was time to tackle the problem – with a state-of-the-art solution from Siemens Nixdorf as prime contractor and system integrator. Siemens Nixdorf worked

with Bernard Schifer GmbH to give SBC a documentbased automatic payment transaction system, interbank and in dealings with the Post Office.Siemens Nixdorf installed, integrated and networked RM600 computers, PCs, scanners and form readers for the stateof-the-art Open Imaging Processing System (OIPS) - digital document processing.

And now there's no speed limit for payment transactions—the documents are scanned and digitalized using the OCR system, and the data is forwarded to the UNIX computers for processing and archiving. The information can be called up from each workstation in the client-server architecture, and further processed by special programs, with total reliability according to the "zero error" principle. The result? Efficiency gains of 50% and investment protection into the future, thanks to the flexible and openended nature of the solution. Less paper, less input in processing and archiving documents - that's how the Open Imaging Processing System from Siemens Nixdorf helps the Swiss Bank Corporation to enhance its payment transaction processing operations.

London: British Ministry of Agriculture opts for RM computers and no longer stands alone.

The British Ministry of Agriculture.

led by the RM systems satisfies MAFF's current

The British Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) has adopted RM computers as the center and cornerstone of an all-new client-server architecture, doing away with its former island solution. Under its multi-million major contract with MAFF, Siemens Nixdorf has linked previously isolated hardware and software systems from different manufacturers and networked these with 4,000 Siemens Nixdorf PCs and 40 RM600 UNIX servers, to create a state-of-the-art multivendor environment with a client-server architecture incorporating the best systems from Siemens Nixdorf and other suppliers. From today's 4,000 workstations at Head Office and in the regions, the solution is to be progressively expanded connecting MAFF with all its district offices. Communications run via a wide area network (WAN), accessible to all computers via open X.400 and X.500 interfaces. The network can be used, for example, to send E-mail messages from Head Office to remote locations, thanks to a user interface, which provides a standard presentation for all the different programs, from word processing through to document production and management. The combined power of these computers,



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Now that Telekom has been reorganized as a private company, its office organization is also being completely restructured. Paper mountains and cumbersome card indexes will soon be a thing of the past. The trend is towards the electronic desk. Soon everything will be handled from the PC: preparing texts, processing forms, filing documents, sending faxes, using electronic mail. All this is made possible because of the multi-functional office communications software OCIS-PC, which Siemens Nixdorf has tailored to suit the individual needs of the postal corporation as part of the TIBIS project (Telekom Integrating Office Information System). In a number of pilot phases, OCIS-PC has proven itself super-

ior to any rival product on the market.
OCIS-PC

allows

client PCs at the 176
Telekom sites to access the central services of currently just under 180 RM600 servers.

As database and applications servers using such applications as centralized filing, electronic mail and address management, the RM systems are continuously on call for every PC.To enhance inter-departmental communication from PC to PC and from PC to RM server, Telekom is also considering introducing Work-

Party, the workgroup solution for

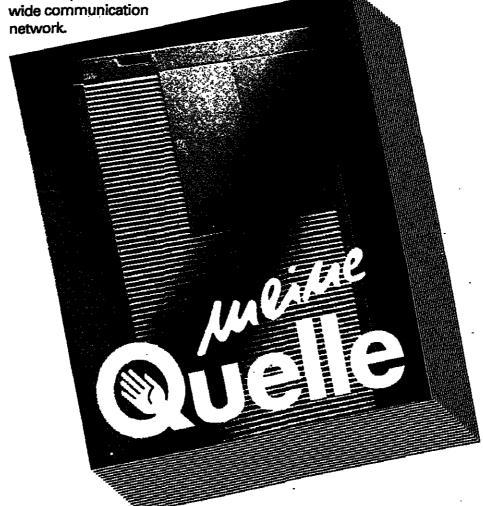
comprehensive workflow management

right across the organization. Like OCIS-PC and other Telekom programs, WorkParty runs under ComfoDesk, the standard user interface. By the year 2000, more than 100,000 workstations at 176 sites are to be equipped with OCIS-PC and networked. When it has been extended with innovative applications such as computer-assisted telephone calls, and management information and workflow monitoring systems, Siemens Nixdorf's OfficeWorld solution will be not only one of the biggest but also one of the most advanced in the world.

Fürth: Quelle has ordered the European UNIX best seller.

The biggest European mail-order company has discovered the ideal source for global communication: Quelle is now doing business with the largest European computer company, with the aim of implementing MAC, the international "Merchandising and Communication" network. What's the reason behind this decision? Quelle imports approx. 45% of its 55,000-item product range from foreign countries. There are 27 purchasing agencies from Portugal to Japan, from China to Indonesia, and all of them have to be in touch with the headquarters in Fürth, communicating, consulting on decision-making and receiving instructions. The aim of MAC is to reduce communication costs through modern data transfer and to harmonize all merchandising procedures worldwide. The intention is also to create a standard management tool by integrating all purchasing agencies into a global procurement system. To achieve this goal, the MAC network has been undergoing constant improvement and expansion since 1992 - from document processing to electronic mail transfer. All information, ranging from offers to order confirmations, can be sent to each purchasing agency. There, it is reconciled and harmonized with the main office in Fürth at the push of a button via the international infonet. Using the MAC network, Quelle can also distribute faxes

directly from the UNIX system – without the need for special hardware such as fax cards. An example shows how this can reduce costs: a fax query from the Fürth headquarters to a client in Hongkong is first sent to the local purchasing agency – saving costs by using the X.25 computer network – and from there via the telephone system directly to the client at the local calling rate. For Quelle, the use of Siemens Nixdorf's global marketing and service network marks a major step ahead in the implementation of its world-



### Memmingen: Metzeler Schaum gears up for lean management with R/3 LIVE.

Extreme pressure on costs and prices, customer orders for smaller and smaller quantities, with increasingly rigorous quality requirements in ever shorter delivery times - these are the challenges faced by Metzeler Schaum, along with many other companies. Metzeler is restructuring its operation according to the lean management principle, to make the company faster and more flexible, and to increase profitability. This inevitably demanded new EDP systems with greater flexibility as the backbone of a more efficient organizational structure. And it was Siemens Nixdorf that got the contract, to implement the R/3 LIVE concept. This was because the R/3 LIVE concept enables Metzeler to meet another of its requirements - long-term cooperation with a reliable partner. The goal at the company's plant in Memmingen, which manufactures moulded and block foam-rubber, for vehicles and

furniture, for example, was to progressively replace the old system with a flexible client-server architecture and a fast network. Standard software specifically designed for medium-sized businesses was installed, meeting at least 80% of all requirements and providing easy and convenient data query facilities. EDP and specialized staff from Metzeler worked in close cooperation with Siemens Nixdorf specialists. The central priority was to redesign the company's business processes, focusing mainly on core business. The result is a powerful, flexible systems architecture consisting of a host holding all Metzeler's customer data, an RM600 computer acting as the server for the R/3 modules - accounting, stock management, sales and distribution, PPC and human resources - and Siemens Nixdorf PCs, taking office communications right into the workplace. The old system is scheduled to finally shut down at the end of 1995.

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# Rotterdam: Thyssen De Reus brings COMET into the open environment.

Thyssen De Reus B.V. (Netherlands), an international company which also has factories in Germany, England and Belgium develops, produces, installs

and services elevators. Besides the manufacture of elevators for personnel and special elevators, it specializes in the manufacture of elevators and stairlifts for disabled and elderly people. Thyssen De Reus has committed itself to the latest distributed information processing via client-server technology for development. Siemens Nixdorf was commissioned to make the progressive transition from the old system to the new, by porting the COMET software library to an RM600 UNIX system, complete with all modules. This was the ideal transition solution - the investment in COMET software is protected, until the final transition to the latest client-server soft-

ware is completed. In the meantime, Thyssen De Reus staff can continue to work on the tried and tested COMET system they know so well. But it was never this efficient. The addition of RM power and the processing speed of the UNIX operation system means that

the entire order processing operation is now considerably more efficient. The RM600 plays a very important role in the future automation network of Thyssen De Reus. To ensure the network can grow and expand, Thyssen De Reus Netherlands has complemented it with the service power and training of Siemens Nixdorf.



# Johannesburg: Allianz uses RM power to enter the world of UNIX.

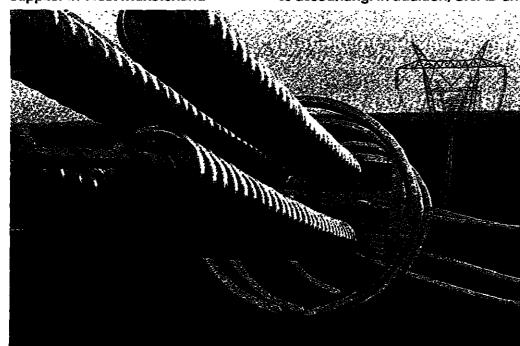
For Allianz South Africa, an alliance with Europe's No. 1 in UNIX multiuser systems was its best insurance policy for entry into the open systems environment. The insurance giant was planning to invest in new UNIX-based applications software, and was looking for the best hardware platform. It compared products from a range of manufacturers before arriving at the right solution: a multiprocessor RM600 was to replace the previous system based on proprietary computer architecture. The Siemens Nixdorf UNIX system is on the network with all the PCs. The result? A fast client-server link, connecting all Allianz departments, with all the advantages of an open and totally expandable system. From today's 250 concurrent workstations, with comprehensive file, print, application and communications services provided by the RM600, the system capacity can

be increased to several thousand workstations. To do this, Allianz merely has to add memory or processor to arrive at the next RM computer category. The operating system is the base for new UNIX applications UniVerse and InsSure from software produced BCS, for all its core business. Allianz is also insured against the need for further staff training in the future, since Siemens Nixdorf has already turned Allianz employees into experts in working with open systems. And just in case a problem does arise, the Siemens Nixdorf service package also includes ongoing support, with Teleservice, for example, providing problem solutions between one computer and another. Allianz Manager Richard Roos is very happy with the way things have gone. "With RM600 and Siemens Nixdorf as our partner, our transition to the world of open systems has been extremely successful".

# Bocholt BEW exploits new sources of energy—from R/3 LIVE to SICAD.

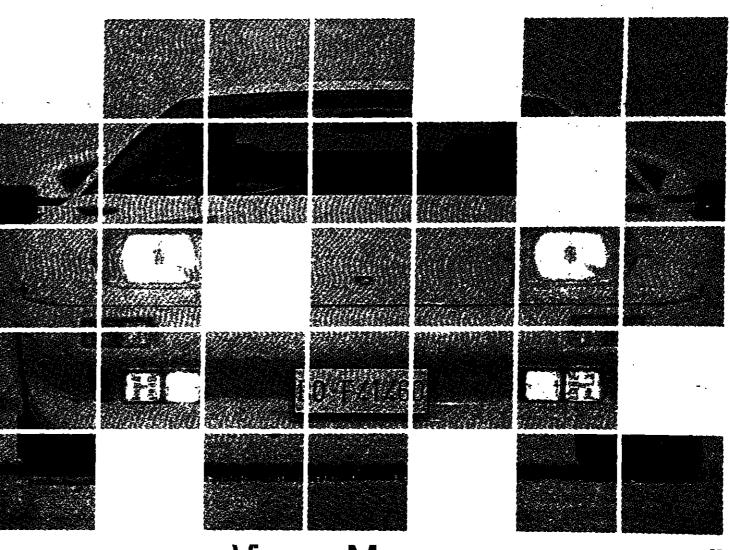
Siemens Nixdorf is putting energy into a completely new IT organization for BEW; the Bocholt power and water supply company—a project which must be completed by 1998. With 70,000 subscribers, BEW is the largest energy supplier in West Münsterland

in terms of hardware and software. The solution consists of a range of software packages, such as R/3 LIVE, the complete business management solution custom-made by Siemens Nixdorf for the power industry's specific requirements – from order entry to accounting. In addition, SICAD and



(Germany). A BS2000-client for many years, BEW now plans to install state-of-the-art standard applications and move over to an open client-server architecture. This is a very ambitious project requiring all the expertise of Siemens Nixdorf as a system integrator and developer of sector-specific applications for the power industry. The challenge is to combine RISC multiuser systems, workstations and PCs into a sophisticated client-server environment for distributed processing,

SINCAL, Siemens Nixdorf's software applications for the power industry, support BEW with sewer documentation, calculations, analysis and planning functions for networks. 1997 will mark the arrival of the OCIS office solution, turning workstations into electronic desks, and the ARCIS archive system, which can reduce mountains of files to CD format. Once the project is completed in 1998, BEW will have in place its IT organization for the 21st century.



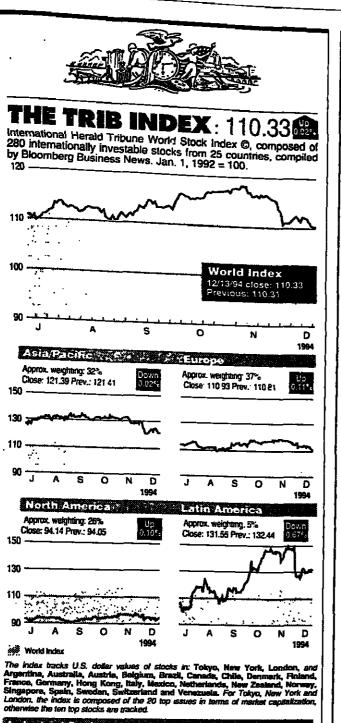
# Vienna: Magna, component supplier for the car industry, gives the green light for RM investments.

The Canadian car parts supplier Magna gives priority to new RM computers; five RM600 UNIX systems are to replace Quattro computers for COMET data processing. One computer has been installed at each of the European Magna branches in Weiz in Austria, Heiligenstadt, Prague, and two at the Salzgitter branch. Together with 120 PCs and 40 terminals, they act as a boost to the COMET client-server-operation, from financial accounting and wages and salaries, to time management. Also integrated in the solution is special trade software with the FORS supplier package for all tasks from order entry to statistics - with data communication links to the automotive industry available for order processing. Thanks to CROSS BASIC, Magna can continue to rely on COMET. CROSS BASIC is the

migration tool that facilitates the seamless transfer of the business software library from legacy to open systems – without interruptions, restrictions or waiting-time for the user. At the same time, productivity is increased by as much as 20%, thanks to the latest UNIX computer technology. Today, for the largest independent supplier to the car industry, it's business as usual with COMET. And without a hitch. But thanks to RM, the operation is faster and more efficient, with unlimited power and connectivity.

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### Ford Helps Jaguar Get Back Old Sheen

By Richard Stevenson New York Times Service

COVENTRY, England -- They were madly painting and polishing at Juguar Cars Inc.'s plant here one recent day, making the place sparkle for a visit from a loyal customer, Queen Elizabeth II. But the changes at Jaguar of late have

been more than cosmetic. After nearly five years in which it has posted nothing but operating losses — and made its parent company, Ford Motor Co., look foolish for having paid \$2.5 billion to acquire it in 1989 — Jaguar appears on track to reap something more than a visit from the queen: a profit.

The turnaround has not come easily. The inefficiency and sloppiness of Jaguar's manufacturing were far worse than Ford had expected, and the amount of money and time needed to set things right far greater.

Ford has sunk more than \$4 billion into Jaguar, including the purchase price, accumulated losses of more than \$1.2 billion, capital injections and a \$320 million investment in a newly introduced update of its XJ sedan, the backbone of Jaguar's product line.

The survival plan required wholesale changes in manufacturing and labor relations to cut costs and improve quality that had sunk to abysmal levels. (The favorite bumper sticker of disgruntled Jaguar owners: "The parts falling from this car are of the finest British crafts-

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tion of the so-called Swatch car

by Mercedes-Benz AG will

create around 8,900 new jobs,

Karl Feuerstein, the president

of the Daimler-Benz AG works

Nearly 4,000 of the jobs are

planned for German factories.

he said, but added that the

work force was up in arms over the company's decision

council, said Tuesday.

work force of 12,700 during the past four years, Jaguar will have a struggle convincing Ford that Britain is the most efficient place in which to build the next generation Jaguar, a less expensive sedan expected to go into production by the end of the decade.

But the progress so far has provided a clear shot at long-term survival for Jaguar, which company executives say is Britain's largest exporter.

Barring some unexpected foul-up, Jaguar should post a profit in the three months ending on Dec. 31, its first positive quarterly result in more than four vears. following the economic recoveries in Britain and the United States and the introduction this fall of the restyled XJ

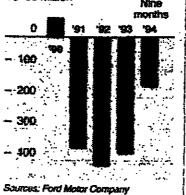
Sales next year are projected to exceed 38,000, up from about 31,000 this year and 28,000 last year, but well below the peak of 49,500 in 1988. Analysts are expecting a modest profit next year, although it remains unclear how Ford will recoup its investment.

Ford's strategy has been to retain as much of the Jaguar heritage and mys-tique as possible, but to impose Ford's expertise in manufacturing efficiency, quality control and information management on a company that had come to represent all that went wrong with British industry.

"We drove in systems and procedures that had been proven throughout the manship.") world by the Ford Motor Co.," said Despite slashing 6,000 jobs from its David Hudson, a plant director. "Since

New 'Swatch Car' to Create 8,900 Jobs

#### Improving Jaguar is now beginning to recover from years of losses and quality problems, but has far to go to repay Ford's lotal investment of \$4 billion. Operating income or loss. +\$100 million months



the acquisition, in terms of manufacturing, we've been through a revolution."

The revolution was built on the same tactics used by automotive companies worldwide: investing in more efficient machinery, and pushing more responsibility down to the workers on the production line.

Before the acquisition by Ford, Jaguar had been a bastion of hard-core unions whose members worked to strict rules on what they would and would not do, and when. Work stoppages cost the plant a half day of working time a week.

"The relationship between management and the trade unions has not historically been, shall we say, best in class," Mr. Hudson said.

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half, its chief executive, Ed-

The 1994 profit, estimated

at 1.85 billion DM, would fol-

low an operating loss of 3.3 billion DM in 1993, Bloom-

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from Stuttgart. Mr. Reuter

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Suisse in London. The strong-PARIS — The French franc franc policy involved pegging

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Orange County, California, authorized its financial advisers on Tuesday to liquidate its investment pool as losses mounted.

The county, which filed for bankruptcy last week, said losses in the investment pool had grown about 33 percent since last week, to \$2.02 billion. The county authorized Salo-mon Brothers Inc. to sell the fund's assets at its discretion over the next 90 days.

The fund has about \$8 billion in assets remaining, including \$2.5 billion pledged against borrowings from securities firms. It has about \$230 million in cash and cash equivalents, the county said.

About 60 percent of the fund's

ties known as inverse floaters, whose value drops as interest rates rise. The remaining 40 percent consists of regular govern-ment and government-agency debt, the county said.

Mr. Fox added that with five

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In 1993, France kept interest

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The county's financial advis-er, Thomas Hayes, a former California treasurer, said the county fund would lose about \$300 million with each onepoint rise in interest rates.

Orange County requested a hearing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court to seek permission to begin the sales on Wednesday.

Under Robert Citron, the county treasurer who resigned after the losses were disclosed, Orange County bet heavily that interest rates would fall this year. Mr. Citron borrowed more than \$12 billion from Wall Street firms to increase the county's assets consists of structured investment, which backfired notes, primarily volatile securi- when interest rates soared.

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### Apple's Strategy Spawns a New Toy

By Steven Brull nal Herald Tribune TOKYO - Mighty Morphin Power Ranger action characters are all the rage this Christmas season, and if Japanese toymaker Bandai Co. gets its wish, its new multimedia game machine -dubbed the Power Player and made with Apple Computer Inc. — will be next year's

The machine, a prototype of which was shown here Tuesday, marks Bandai's entry into the multi-media game field and is the first fruit of Apple's deci-

United States in the second half of next year, the Power Player straddles the videogame field and the fast-growing market for personal com-puters equipped with compact disk read-only memory, or CD-ROM, players.

sion to license its operating systems to competitors.

Due out in Japan and the

But at \$500, it will be rela-

At the same time, the play-er, which plugs into a television set, is too stripped-down a system to offer a serious challenge to multi-media personal computers. Next year, Asian-made computers con-

figured for multi-media applications will drop below the \$800 level, according to Taka-hiko Umeyama, of International Data Corp., a marketresearch company.

Apple and Bandai, which foresee annual sales of 500,000 to 1.0 million machines, are counting on the

Power Player's ability to play a broader range of software titles than its competitors.

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"The game industry is crashing because everybody's bored," said Makoto Yamashina, president of Bandai, the world's fifth-biggest toy maker. "Our role is to create a killer application," he said, adding that Bandai's group of affiliated software developers were the biggest providers of Nintendo software and would

help develop a library totaling See POWER, Page 13

### 3DO: Christmas Could Be Make-or-Break

By John Markoff

New York Times Service REDWOOD CITY, California - As the Brazilian soccer team on the television screen goes on the attack, thousands of cheering fans chant to a throbbing or cneering rans chant to a throbbing samba beat, captured on a lush Dolby sound track. Although it is only a video game, the image is so life-like that when players scramble, their colliding shadows appear darker, as they would in real life.

Released last month in time for Christ-

mas by 3DO Co., FIFA International Soccer, as the long-awaited game is known, has already achieved cult status

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Sources: ING Bank (Amsterdam); Indoses: Bank (Brussels); Banca C (MBan); Apence France Presse (Paris); Bank of Tokyo (Tokyo); Raj (Toronia); IMF (SDR), Other data from Reuters and AP.

among video game fans for its realism. Whether other consumers agree that the game and a slew of successors were worth the wait will determine whether William "Trip" Hawkins, the Silicon Valley entrepreneur who started 3DO five years ago, will still be in the video game business next Christmas. Or even

Certainly, Mr. Hawkins has to demonstrate soon that his supposedly superior technology can catch on with consumers, who during its first year on the market have taken a wait-and-see attitude be-

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in business for that matter.

cause of a lack of software, and with software developers, who Mr. Hawkins expects not only to create the dazzling games that run on 3DO's systems but also to pay for the privilege.

Otherwise, by next Christmas, more firmly established players — Nintendo and Sega, to name two — will have vastly improved systems of their own, at the same time that Sony Corp., the consumer-electronics giant, and Apple Computer Inc., will have waded into the market. Wall Street analysts, once red-hot on

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - U.S. stocks ended Tuesday little changed as rallies in bank issues, Walt Disney and Philip Morris outweighed lower prices for oil, drug and technology shares.

The Dow Jones industrial average, after hovering in a nar-

#### U.S. Stocks

row range through the session, slipped 3.03 points to 3,715.34. The market was underpinned by the biggest gains in a week in the Treasury bond market after new economic data suggested brisk economic growth had not caused inflation to accelerate.

Advancing stocks outpaced decliners by 6 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume climbed to 307.1 million shares from 285.74 million

on Monday.
The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 23/32 point, to 95 29/32, causing the yield to slip to 7.85 percent from 7.92 percent Monday, alter a producer price report eased concern that inflation would accelerate and further

force up rates. Wholesale prices paid to factories, farmers and other producers rose 0.5 percent in November, matching expectations,

while the rate excluding food and energy rose 0.1 percent, lower than economists' foreThe Dow

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casts of 0.5 percent. Disney climbed 14 to 434 after the film studio and themepark operator reported surging Christmas video sales, while Philip Morris rose 14 to 57% amid investors' doubts that the latest class-action lawsuit against cigarette companies would succeed.

Bank stocks, which peaked in mid-June and then fell as much as 20 percent amid concern that earnings will slow, may continue to rebound, analysts said.

Bankers Trust rose 134 to 58%, First Chicago climbed 1% to 46%, Nationsbank rose 1 to 46% and First Fidelity Bankcorp climbed 11/2 to 45%.

U.S. Bioscience collapsed 41/2 to 2 after authorities voted not to recommend its chemotherapy treatment.

Electric utilities, also sensitive to moves in rates, extended a three-week-long advance. Duke Power climbed ½ to 41% and Northern States was % higher at 46%.

General Electric added to recent gains, climbing 1/2 to 47%, after the company voiced confidence about its earnings.

(Bloomberg, AP)

#### FRANC: Pulled Down by Politics

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destroyed the European ex-

change-rate mechanism. Political uncertainty leading up to the elections has weakened French assets since the beginning of November, analysts said, and politics will continue to effect trading until the

election. Mr. Delors's decision has

#### Foreign Exchange

thrown open the field for new rightist candidates now that a united front against the Socialists, deprived of a credible candidate, is no longer seen as necessary. (Bloomberg, IHT)

#### ■ Dollar Ends Mixed

The dollar closed mixed in trading in New York on Tuesday. It slipped against the Deutsche mark as investors bought marks as a haven from political turmoil in Italy and

France, news agencies reported.
The Italian lire tumbled to an all-time low against the mark as Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was questioned for seven

hours by officials investigating him on corruption charges.

"People really wanted marks today because of political problems in Italy and France," said Jim Raphael, a trader at NatWest USA Bancorp.

The dollar often suffers when investors sell lire or francs for marks because traders often buy dollars for lire and francs and then sell those dollars for

The dollar slipped to 1.5729 DM from 1.5733 DM at the close on Monday. It rose to 5.4180 French francs from 5.4080 francs.

Economic reports from the Commerce and Labor departments that pointed to higher retail sales and producer prices helped support the dollar. The dollar rose to 100.285

yen from 99.985 yen. It eased to 1.3303 Swiss francs from 1.3335 francs. "The numbers were strong enough to get the Fed to raise

rates again," said Paul Farrell, manager of strategic currency trading at Chase Manhattan

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

controlled computer company. nouncement, it said it was considering doing so.

est that was centered on telecom," said an AT&T spokeswoman in Brussels. But "the

AT&T "seem unlikely to be re-alized in the context of an investment in Groupe Bull at the present time."

But on Tuesday, AT&T said it was forming a joint venture with Unisource NV, a Netherlands-based telecommunications company, to tap the Euro-

For Bull, AT&T's withdraw-

of taking the company private. Bull has piled up losses of 20 billion French francs (\$3.7 billion) in just the past five years. Subsidies from the French government began as long ago as

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AT&T will have to find other ways of getting a foothold in the closely guarded French telecommunications market. But al would add another twist to on the bright side, it won't be

puter company it did not want and probably could not fix. Daniel Lebourhis, an analyst with Meta Group, in Paris, said the bid had to be seen as "a Trojan Horse that had no chance of succeeding anyway."

Last month, AT&T filed an application expressing an interest in acquiring, jointly with Quadral, a French maker of

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### General Dynamics to Keep Its Last 2 Defense Divisions

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WASHINGTON — General Dynamics Corp. will not sell its last two defense divisions, which make tanks and subma-rines, according to its chairman, James R. Mellor. His statement signals that the dramatic downsizing that the

company began in 1991 is over. Some industry analysts had speculated that the company would sell one or both of the units, continuing a process begun by Mr. Mellor's predecessor. William A. Anders. Mr. Anders sold most of General Dynamics' defense operations, reaping profits that helped its stock price quadruple, before

retiring last year. The company's shares fell 50 cents, closing at \$41.875 Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange. On Monday, General Dynamics shares closed at \$42.375, up \$3.75 after a federal judge ruled in its favor in a suit stemming from the U.S. Navy's 1991 cancellation of the A-12 jet.

In another development affecting the U.S. defense industry, an unidentified member of the British Parliament's allparty select defense committee said in London that the government was likely to purchase as many as 10 C-130J heavy transport aircraft from Lockheed Corp. in an order that could amount to about £1 billion (\$1.6 billion).

A Ministry of Defense spokesman declined to comment on the report.

#### Novell Quarter Profit Tumbles 31%

PROVO, Utah (Bloomberg) — Novell Inc. said Tuesday its profit for the fourth quarter of its financial year fell 31 percent, a margin far greater than expected, due to delays in shipping new software products.

The company said profit excluding charges related to the acquisition of WordPerfect Corp. in June fell to \$61 million in the quarter to Oct. 29 from \$88 million in the year-earlier period.

#### Tenneco to List U.K. Unit in London

HOUSTON (Bloomberg) — Tenneco Inc. said Tuesday it would sell Albright & Wilson, its British chemical business, in an initial public offering valued at up to \$1 billion.

The company also announced that it would repurchase up to \$500 million, or about 7 percent of its own common shares.

Tenneco said the Albright offering would bring in proceeds of about \$750 million. The company expects the shares to be listed.

about \$750 million. The company expects the shares to be listed on the London Stock Exchange in the first quarter of 1995.

#### Borden's Board Opts for KKR Offer

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — Borden Inc.'s board of directors has rejected a revised bid by Paul Kazarian to purchase a 25

percent stake in the company for about \$660 million.

Japonica Partners, Kazarian's investment company, sweetened its offer on Dec. 6, casting it as a better value for shareholders than a merger agreement that Borden had already negotiated with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.

However, Borden's directors at a Dec. 9 meeting effectively chose the roughly \$2 billion KKR offer, according to papers filed Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Disney Is Looking to South America
SANTIAGO (Reuters) — Walt Disney Co. has signed an option to purchase a 10 percent stake in Argos SA, a Chilean toymaker, a Disney executive said Tuesday.

The deal also includes a five-year contract granting Argos distribution rights for all the Disney products licensed to it in 17 countries in Latin America, said Stephen de Kanter, Disney consumer products chief for Latin America.

#### For the Record

Hewlett-Packard Co. will invest heavily in development of multi-media and mobile-telecommunications equipment. The company aims to be the world leader in computer platforms for computer-based signaling telecommunications by 1996, Andre Meyer, the company's director of telecommunications, said.

### Prev. 0,826 1,41 213,00 0,44 4,74 137,00 4,0216 0,5703 AT&T Reconsiders Taking a Stake in France's Bull

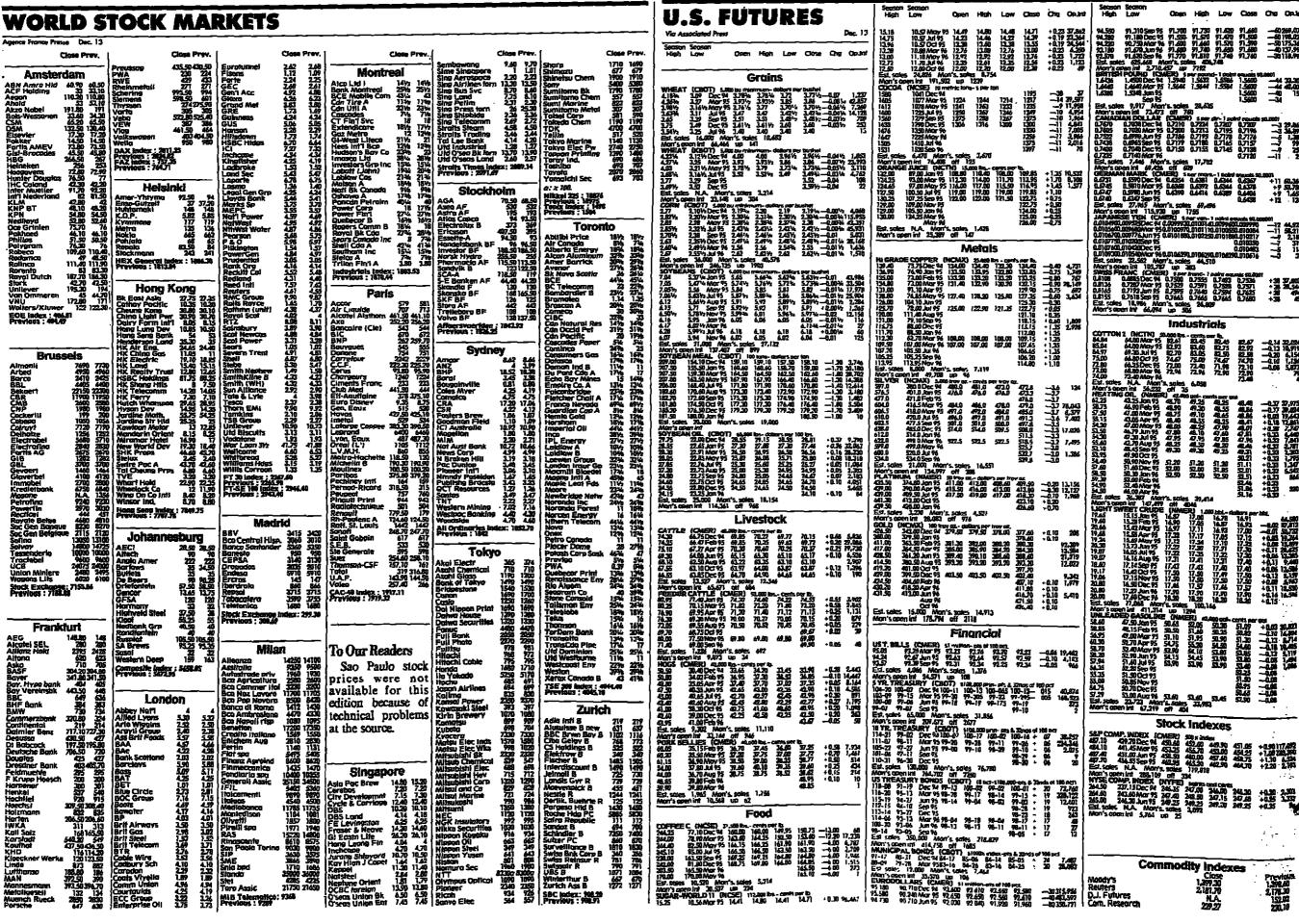
PARIS - AT&T Corp. may not, after all, buy a stake in Groupe Bull, France's state-Last month, in a surprise an-

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### Overseas Business Lifts Profit At Degussa

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FRANKFURT — Degussa AG, the German chemicals and metals company, said Tuesday that its fourth-quarter profit surged 84.3 percent, contributing to a pretax profit gain of 63

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percent for its full financial year. Profit before tax in the year ended Sept. 30 rose to 280 million Deutsche marks (\$178 million). The company did not release results for the fourth quarter but only gave the comparison with the year-earlier

The company said it would propose to the supervisory a board a dividend increase to 10 DM a share from 7 DM for the previous year.

"The positive impulses for our business originated mainly in North America, Asia and a number of European countries," Degussa said. "Only recently have we noticed a slight recovery in domestic demand."

Sales declined 7 percent in the 1994 financial year, to 13.8 billion DM, as a result of divestitures. Sales from continuing operations rose 4 percent.

Separately, MAN AG, the diversified German machinery and truck manufacturer, said new orders rose 16 percent, to 8.44 billion DM, in the first five months of its financial year, which began on July 1. Growth in domestic orders outpaced demand from abroad.

### Dismissed Oslo Bourse Chief Drowns

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches OSLO - The director of the Oslo Stock Exchange was found drowned early

Tuesday in an apparent suicide, the day after he was dismissed from his job because of alleged financial irregularities. Enk Jarve, 50, who was the public face of the bourse for almost two decades until

his sudden dismissal, drowned in a fjord near his summer house in Telemark province, a police statement said. The police had been sent to the isolated house by family members, who feared something might have happened to him.

There is no suspicion of any criminal act," a Telemark police spokesman said, indicating that the police suspected suicide. "Nobody else was involved."

The Oslo bourse board, in a terse statement, praised the work of Mr. Jarve, whom it had dismissed on Monday for allegedly mixing his "private economy and the economy of the bourse."

The board said Monday that the alleged irregularities had primarily taken place this year and were uncovered last week. On Tuesday, Elisabeth Wille, the head of the stock exchange, said that Mr. Jarve had pocketed 275,000 kroner (\$40,000) on a contract for a new trading system and that, in addition, illegal withdrawals from bourse prolits totaling

50,000 kroner had been discovered. "It was not the sum that was decisive," she said, but a lack of trust that had caused his dismissal.

Traders held a ceremony of remembrance for Mr. Jarve, who administered the electronic modernization of the Oslo exchange to international standards.

The case was the latest of a series of scandais to shake Norway's closely knit financial community and it involved the man bent on cracking down on insidertrading and other irregularities.

"Restoring confidence will probably be

the most important task for the bourse in the days ahead," Mr. Jarve wrote in a newspaper article in April 1993.

In the bourse's annual report last year, he said complying with ethical rules was vital in the securities market. "Ethics is the teaching of the good, the moral, Eth-ics must be taught," he wrote.

The daily Finansavisen, commenting on Mr. Jarve's dismissal in an editorial headlined "Oslo Bourse Banana Republic," said this case, coming after recent financial scandals, threatened to ruin the image of the bourse.

It remains to be seen if foreign investors in Norway opt to sell and instead invest in markets in which they have greater confidence," it wrote.

Mr. Jarve, who is survived by a wife and two children, was appointed to head the exchange in 1977 at 33 years of age, the youngest ever to hold that job. (Reuters, AFP)

### Deutsche Aerospace Wins Rare U.S. Plane Order

MUNICH - Deutsche Aerospace AG, a subsidiary of Daimler-Benz\_AG. said Tuesday that a U.S. airline had ordered 40 of its turboprop com-

muter planes. Jeistream International Airines, a regional subsidiary of USAir Inc. based in Dayton, Ohio, ordered the twin-engine Dornier-328 planes.

The order comes at a crucial time for the Deutsche Aerospace, which is in the process of slashing 16,000 jobs because of poor sales.

"This is an excellent sucsaid Juergen Schrempp. chairman of Deutsche Aerospace. "We've finally succeeded options.

in a breakthrough in the fiercely competitive aircraft market in the U.S.

The German aerospace industry as a whole has seen annual revenue drop by 40 percent since 1991, Hans Eberhard Birke, the chairman of the country's aerospace trade association, said Tuesday.

The companies did not disclose the terms of the nurchase. but at the airplane's list price of worth 564 million DM.

Jetstream is the second big U.S. purchaser of the plane. Horizon Air of Seattle recently placed 20 firm orders and 40

The aircraft seats 33 passen- tium that includes Aerospatiale plane in its class.

Total orders for the Dornier-328, which DASA only began producing in the past few years, now stand at 72 firm orders and 71 options from a total of 16 customers, DASA said.

Separately, Airbus Industrie announced the creation of Airbus Finance Co., a partnership 14.1 million Deutsche marks that the company said would (\$9 million), the order would be finance \$3.5 billion to \$5 billion in sales over the next five years. The company is backed by a

\$1.5 billion letter of credit signed by 49 international banks led by J.P. Morgan & Co. Airbus Industrie is a consor-

gers and Deutsche Aerospace of France, British Aerospace calls it the fastest turboprop PLC, Construcciones Aeronauticas SA of Spain, as well as Deutsche Aerospace. (AP, Bloomberg)

**■ Fokker Forecasts Loss** 

Fokker NV, the Dutch aircraft maker that is majorityowned by Deutsche Aerospace, said it expected its 1994 net loss to approach 460 million guil-ders (\$261 million), the same figure it posted last year, Bloomberg Business News re-

ported from Amsterdam.

Fokker said it did not expect to be profitable before 1996 because aircraft makers worldwide have been hit hard by the recession in the airline industry.

### Santander Sells 3% Of Banesto

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MADRID - Banco Santander SA said Tuesday it had sold a 3 percent stake in Banco Español de Crédito SA to a group of Mexican investors for about 15.6 billion pesetas (\$118 million). The bank added that it was looking to sell more Banesto assets.

A spokesman for Banco Santander said the group, led by Antonino Fernandez, the chairman of the Mexican beer company Grupo Modelo, acquired about 18.3 million shares at 850 pesetas a share in an operation carried out off the main market. Banesto shares closed at 950 pesetas on the Madrid bourse.

The sale brings Santander's stake in Banesto down to 53 percent. Santander acquired 72.45 percent of Banesto at 762 pesetas per share in an auction in April.

Meanwhile, a parliamentary committee found Banesto's former managers solely responsible for the financial crisis that almost led to the bank's collapse.

The committee, made up of members of Spain's principal political parties, issued its final report Tuesday on the ninemonth investigation.

In the report, the committee accuses Mario Conde, the bank's former president, of putting his personal interests before those of the bank. Mr. Conde was formally charged with fraud last month in connection with the bank's crisis.

(Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg)

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• Russia and its creditor banks held further talks in Frankfurt on rescheduling \$25 billion of former Soviet debt.

• The European Commission may delay proposals to change the value-added tax system until as late as the end of March, the EU fiscal commissioner, Christiane Scrivener, said.

• Iberia, Spain's financially troubled national airline, will present a legal request to lay off more than 5,000 workers, despite an agreement on less drastic cuts with its main unions.

• Accor SA, Europe's largest hotel group, said revenue in the third quarter rose 1.6 percent, to 8.46 billion French francs (\$1.56

 La Cincuième, a new French state-controlled television channel. went on the air Tuesday to promote education and employment among a wide public.

• Usinor Sacilor of France confirmed press reports that it plans to join a consortium bidding for the acquisition of IRI's Ilva SpA flat-steel unit, Ilva Laminati Piani, for about 4.8 billion francs. Western Germany's retail sales fell 2.9 percent in October from

September and 2 percent from a year earlier, the Bundesbank British Airways PLC will sell its Caledonian Airways Ltd. and Caledonian Airways (Services) Ltd. units to the vacation group Inspirations PLC for £4.9 million (\$7.6 million) cash and the

assumption of an £11.7 million loan repayable over 5 years. South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda have launched a new regional airline, Alliance, which officials hope will lead to economic cooperation between eastern and southern Africa.

### **POWER:** Apple and Bandai Form Alliance for Multi-Media Machine

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more than 100 titles over the

While Bandai's popular Power Ranger action characters will help, the machine's success or failure may hinge on its ability to play, with only slight modifi-cations, the pool of CD-ROM titles developed for Apple's

Macintosh computers. This will provide access to a large selection of educational, Cousical and reference titles. But users will have to buy key-boards, mice and other peri-

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Power Player as expensive as low-end multimedia computers.

The machine will use Apple's new multi-media platform called Pippin. It comprises a simplified version of Apple's System 7.12 operating system and runs on the PowerPC 603 microprocessor developed by Apple, Motorola Inc. and International Business Machines

All titles written for Pippin also will run on Apple's Macinthus more incentive, to write for dows operating system. their product.

Expanding the number of programs may be the biggest benefit for Apple. Apple announced in September a formal campaign to license its core operating system and elements of its PowerPC architecture to

of software for its computers,

pherals to use some of these tosh computers, giving software to machines that use Intel chips titles, which would make the developers a bigger market, and and run Microsoft Corp.'s Win-

> By licensing Pippin, it will stimulate development of game software, the fastest-growing segment of the industry.

Apple executives refused to estimate how quickly they could license Pippin to other companies, nor how big a busi-The company hopes this ness it would eventually be-strategy will broaden the supply come. They said only that they were in talks with other potenwhich are losing market share tial Japanese licensees-

#### 3DO: High Hopes for Christmas

Continued from Page 11 Mr. Hawkins's company, have

Stock in 3DO was trading at \$11.00, up 25 cents Tuesday afternoon, far from the \$47.00 peak it hit in October 1993.

On Monday, Mr. Hawkins warned a group of financial analysts that the company would run through its modest \$21 million cash cushion in about seven months unless a runaway consumer hit or two replenishes

"We're nervous," said Keith Benjamin, a consumer electronics analyst at Robertson Stephens & Co. in San Francisco. The stock is a binary event. Either it will be worth a lot, or it will be worth nothing."

At least 200 video-game makers before 3DO have vanished without a trace, and the skepticism would probably be worse were it not for Mr. Hawkins's elder-statesman status in hightech circles.

Mr. Hawkins realized that he had to line up the many soft-ware developers who resented having to pay Japanese game companies as much as \$9 to \$12 in licensing fees for every game

He signed developers by charging a far more reasonable \$3 a game.

The pitch was so attractive, software developers signed on in droves, and giant American and Japanese conglomerates from AT&T Corp. and Time Warner Inc. to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. invested millions in his company. Those pany.

endorsements were noticed on Wall Street, and for a while last fall, mere months after the company went public, Mr. Hawkins seemed unstoppable.

Since then, he has stumbled. First, he angered software developers by setting up a competing game-development unit within 3DO, then he decided in October to double what the company charged software developers per game sold.

Doubling the licensing fee not only upset the software companies, but it sent the stock price tumbling more than 6 percent the day of the announcement. Mr. Hawkins has quietly ed back the surcharge to \$1 for the rest of 1994, and deferred the full \$3 fee to a later

Though he has made some progress in recent months getting back on track, his struggle is a vivid reminder that a hot new technology start-up can quickly lose its edge if it markets products poorly or disappoints suppliers.

The business Trip Hawkins set out to conquer is potentially a vast one. Last year, for example, \$5 billion in software revenues from the video game business almost matched the \$5.2 billion that Americans spent at the movies. And Jefferies & Company, a Los Angeles based investment firm, predicted that hardware revenue would jump from \$1.9 billion this year to \$2.9 billion next year.

Mr. Hawkins has invested a total of \$15 million in the com-



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### U.K. Utility Plans Job Cuts

LONDON — The regional electricity company Southern Electric PLC will cut its work force by one quarter, eliminating 1.100 jobs over the next five years, the company said Tuesday as it reported a profit increase.

The company, which had already cut 1,069 jobs since

Continuing a trend for British utilities, it said pretax profits in the six months ending Sept. 30 had risen nearly 20 percent, to £106.8 million (\$167 million), from £89.2 million a year earlier. Sales slipped nearly 3 percent, to £744.8 million from £764.9 million, while the dividend was increased to 8.3 pence

"With continuing economic recovery in our region, our drive to reduce costs and emphasis on quality service, we are confident of further growth in earnings for 1994-95," said the chairman, Geoffrey Wilson.

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# China's Surplus Nearly Doubles As Exports Surge

HONG KONG - China's trade surplus soared in November to \$4.78 billion for the year. and economists say the United States is picking up the tab.

Exports rose 41.6 percent for the year, to \$12.67 billion, while imports rose by just 8.1 percent, to \$10.3 billion, China's State Statistics Bureau reported Tuesday. The strong November performance almost doubled the country's trade surplus of

#### Chengdu Cable Falls on Debut In Hong Kong

Bloomberg Business News HONG KONG -Chengdu Telecommunications Cable Co. of China fell 13.4 percent Tuesday on its Hong Kong trading debut, hit by concerns about capacity constraints and weak demand for Chinese equities.

"It was priced expensively, so it was an easy target," said Lily Wu, vice president for Asia research at Bankers Trust Co.

Shares of the stateowned cable manufacturer fell 37.5 cents from the issue price to 2.425 Hong Kong dollars (31 cents), rebounding from the day's low of 2.325 dollars. Fourteen million shares changed

At 2.80 dollars, the shares had been priced at 13.1 times 1994 earnings, compared with an average of 9 for Chinese companies that trade in Hong Kong.

#### \$2.41 billion for the first 10 months of the year.

China's trade surplus with the United States is accelerating at a record pace, raising the specter of renewed trade friction between the two countries.

"The U.S. trade deficit with China will become the issue next year," said Joan Zheng, an economist at Baring Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd.

China already has the second-largest trade surplus with the United States, after Japan. In the first nine months of the year, the gap reached a record \$21.09 billion, up 26.8 percent from the year-ago period, ac-cording to the U.S. Commerce Department. In September alone, the most recent month for which statistics are available, the deficit was a record \$3.49 billion.

"The momentum is there" for the deficit to widen further, said C. Y. Ho, deputy managing di-rector for China at Crédit Lyonnais Securities (Asia) Ltd.

By contrast, the U.S. trade deficit with Japan narrowed by 7.4 percent in September to \$5.37 billion, its lowest level since May.

The United States has set two deadlines for China to comply with bilateral agreements on trade issues or face sanctions. On Dec. 30, Washington must decide whether China has done enough to curb violations of U.S. copyrights and patents. The next day, the United States will determine whether China has adhered to a 1992 marketaccess agreement.

China's trade turnaround. from a \$12.2 billion deficit in 1993, owes much to highly effective import controls and indirect export subsidies. It also helped that China devalued its the yuan by about 33 percent on Jan. 1.

### China Starts Its Great Dam **Project Launched Despite Years of Protest**

BELIING - Prime Minister Li Peng, an

electrical engineer, will break ground this week for the huge Three Gorges dam on the Yangtze River, which will cost nearly 2 percent of gross national product and which has been contested for more than 75 years.

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With costs estimated at \$12 billion by completion in 2009, some local residents opposing the dam and foreign investors still to be convinced, Mr. Li has a tough task on his hands to see through China's biggest engineering feat since the Great Wall, analysts

The prime minister, a former head of the Ministry of Power Industry, will mark the official start of construction Wednesday at the site of the 175-meter (570-foot) dam.

"After 70 years of debate and the effort of several generations, this is a day we have awaited for a long time," said Liu Hungtai, director of project organization in Yichang, on the Yangtze in central Hubei Province.

Total investment will amount to 4.29 percent of total investment in state infrastructure

during the construction, the official Xinhua press agency said.

Luo Changmao, chief of planning and funding for the Three Gorges Construction Committee of the State Council, estimated the cost at 90 billion yuan (\$10.5 billion), exclusive of interest and price increases. He said the final cost would exceed 100 billion

Most of the 7 billion yuan (\$823 million) needed for preparatory work in 1993 and 1994 has been raised, he said. It came from national electrical rate increases, profits from the nearby Gezhouba hydropower station and loans from the State Development Bank.

China will have spent \$176 million by the end of 1994 to resettle thousands of people. More than 1.3 million people must be moved, but some have been unwilling to go.

The dam will cut Yangtze's flow in 1997 and is scheduled to begin generating electricity in 2003. When all 26 power generating units are operating in 2009 it will have total capacity of 18.2 million kilowatts, Mr. Liu

### Hanoi Looks to Global Bond Market

HANOI - Vietnam, seeking more investment capital, is counting on selling more domestic Treasury bonds and tional bond issue, bankers and officials said.

Le Thi Bang Tam, general director of the State Treasury, said an international bond issue of \$100 million to \$200 million could be made by mid-1995.

might happen by the middle of next year," she said. "But we still have to go through various mestic sources. steps like getting approval from the prime minister.

Stressing that nothing was final, she said the Treasury favored issuing a bond with a fixed interest rate and a term of up to five years.

seek its first credit rating from offered in Vietnamese dong or firms such as Standard & Poor's U.S. dollars with terms of up to Corp. and Moody's Investors three years, had been a success-Service Inc., she said.

Deutsche Bank AG, Nomura inching toward its first interna- Securities Co. and Merrill Lynch & Co. are advising the vernment and bidding to lead-manage the international issue, foreign bankers said.

Vietnam aims to double per capita gross domestic product with 1991. It also seeks investment of up to \$50 billion by 2000, \$20 billion of it from do-

But domestic savings now are only about \$2 billion a year. Bonds are one of the government's preferred instrufrom under the bed," a foreign banker said.

ful savings vehicle.

Since they were launched in 1991, savers have purchased bonds worth 8,500 billion dong (\$773 million), she said. The 1995 target is 4,000 billion dong. About 95 percent of Vietmese Treasury bonds are de-

nominated in dong. They earn a much higher rate of interest than dollar bonds. Investors in bonds can now earn an annual 26.5 percent on average, according to a survey by Dragon Capital Co. published in the Vietnam Invest-

Treasury bonds are expected ments to get the money out to be the main instruments traded in the first phase of Vietnam's stock market. Miss Tam The Treasury director said said this might be launched in

### **Minister** In Japan **Criticizes Bailouts**

TOKYO — Japan's trade minister on Tuesday attacked the Bank of Japan's use of public funds to bail out two troubled credit unions.

"If I had been told about the recent rescue package before the announcement, I would not have agreed to that," said Ryutaro Hashimoto, the head of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. "Is it right for the Bank of Japan to play such an overt rescue role, and will they do the same when similar prob-lems emerge in the future?"

The Bank of Japan, in its first such emergency bailout of pri-vate lending institutions, an-nounced on Friday that it would join private banks to set up a special bank to rescue the two ailing credit unions. The bulk of their bad debt had been inherited from the bursting of the country's so-called bubble economy in the late 1980s.

The Bank of Japan said the Tokyo-based institutions, Anzen Credit Bank and Tokyo Kyowa Credit Association, had bad assets totaling 100 billion yen (\$100 million).

Central bank and finance ministry officials said the move was an emergency step needed to protect depositors and ensure the stability of the overall financial system.

But some Japanese media and economists questioned the step as one that might encourage a lax attitude among bankers, who might feel that an official bailout would always be forthcoming to save them from their own mistakes.

"Excessive reliance on public funds raises the fear that financial institutions' management will become lax," an editorial in the financial daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun said.

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· Standard & Poor's Corp. affirmed its A rating for Sony Corp.'s debt and removed the issue from CreditWatch.

• Japan's wholesale price index for November was unchanged from October and down 1.3 percent from a year earlier.

• NEC Corp. said it expected shipments of personal computers to rise to 3 million units in the year to March 1999 from the 1.7 million units it expects to ship in the year ending in March 1995.

• Mandarin Oriental International Ltd. has agreed with Kahala Royal Inc. to take a one-third equity stake in and manage The Kahala Hotel in Honolulu. Mandarin Oriental said total acquisition and renovation costs would be about \$125 million.

• The Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong has applied to the High Court to have MKI Corp. liquidated.

• Japan's machinery makers saw the value of orders from the private sector fall an adjusted 1.8 percent in October from September, the Economic Planning Agency said. India has cleared foreign investment of 404.37 billion rupees (\$13

• The Asian Development Bank approved an interest-free \$60 million loan to Vietnam to rebuild drainage and irrigation systems in the Red River Delta. Bloomberg, AFX, AFP, Knight-Ridder

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### **Prince Albert Calls** For Lifetime Bans

By Jere Longman
New York Times Service

ATLANTA - Monaco's Prince Albert, the only athlete on the 101-member International Olympic Committee, has around the world. letes who test positive for problem," the prince said of banned substances.

The prince also admonished the IOC over its efforts at dop-ing control, saying, "We don't need so many parties; we should have more drug tests."

His remarks, made Monday. FINA, swimming's governing body, announced the two-year suspensions of five more swimmers who tested positive for de-Asian Games this October in the prince said. Hiroshima, Japan.

cluding seven swimmers, have cy of two years for athletes in now been suspended for two Olympic-related sports who fail years for testing positive before drug tests. The prince, however, or during the Asian Games. said a lifetime ban "is the only Three of those swimmers — Lu real answer."
Bin, Yang Aihua and Zhou "Sanction Guanbin — won gold medals at something," he said.
the world championships in But he added: "No one wants Rome in September. None of to take that step. No one wants those athletes will be able to to be accused of not giving an participate in the 1996 Summer athlete a second chance."

Olympics in Atlanta. The suspensions contradict that drug use was a matter of what IOC President Juan Anto- individual, not systematic, use. nio Samaranch said last month: "I have a hard time believing "I'm sure Chinese sport is very that," the prince said. "We keep clean.

said of drug use in Olympic- German coaches. This is a clear related sports, "We think it is result of their influence."

who competed in the 1988, 1992 said of Chinese athletes who and 1994 Winter Games and test positive for banned subwho is vice chairman of the stances.

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IOC's athletes commission, appeared at odds with Samaranch's remarks in an interview during a gathering of some 200 Olympic committees from

"I think it's so very much a ple try to minimize it all the time. More drugs are coming into play. We're struggling to keep up with new drugs and to find ways to detect them and counter them."

He said that the IOC must came on the same day that lead the way by increasing outof-competition testing - the type that caught Lu and Yang. the Chinese stars.

"If we really dedicate our hydrotestosterone, a perfor- funds and human resources to mance-enhancing steroid, at the that, we'll see more progress."

The IOC is looking to insti-Eleven Chinese athletes, in- tute a uniform suspension poli-

"Sanctions have to mean

Chinese officials have said

hearing stories that they have Also last month, Samaranch been heavily influenced by East

"Unfortunately, I'm sure Prince Albert, a bobsledder we'll see more," Prince Albert

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The AP Top 25



Marcel Dessailly, left, battling an Azerbaijan defender as France posted a 2-0 victory.

### France Defeats Azerbaijan in Soccer

minutes. Patrice Loko scored in the 55th minute. The victory, in a match played on neutral ground because of security problems in Azerbaijan, boosted French hopes of reaching the 1996

The match was played in a downpour on a cer. And Papin's 30th goal for France owed as Israel hosting Romania on Wednesday night.

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AP TOP 25 COLLEGE RESULTS

7. Arizona (6-1) beat La Saile 72-76. Next; at Texas-El Pasa, Saturdar; 12. Morytand (7-2) beat Towson State 120-73. Next; vs. La Saile. Tuesday, Dec. 27; 18. Michigan State (3-1)

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much to the pitch as to his noted scoring knack. TRABZON, Turkey — France rediscovered the way to score Tuesday night as it beat Azerbaijan, 2-0, in a Group 1 qualifier for the Europe-bullet the goalkeeper let the ball stither under his beautiful the red the red to the period of the period the perio body, through the mud and into the net.

Early in the second half, captain Eric Cantona headed down Paul Le Guen's free kick at the far post, a shot that the substitute keeper, Elkhan Gassanov, managed to stop. But Loke slid in to

The victory left France in third place in the

## It's Time for a FIFA Revolt

L ONDON — A letter to FIFA's extended family, the 8 vice presidents, 12 sitting members of the executive, 5 heads of continental confederations, 191 national associations and 1 billion folks the world over who care for soccer. Greetings: And what do you have on your plate over Christmas? Might I suggest you make room for insurrection.

It may not be seasonable, but I seriously suggest that your gift to soccer would be to challenge, while time permits, the rule of the FIFA president. João Havelange, the Brazilian now in his 21st year in that position, represents a threat to the game through his abuse of power. In New York, two month ago, Havelange took it upon himself to rearrange the governing committees of FIFA, sacking members at his whim, appointing others, brooking no discussion. Some

of you, the vice oresidents and the Rob Hughes executive members, sat feebly by. No one, it seemed

had the courage to lay a hand on the autocrat's arm and remind him of article 20 of the FIFA statutes: "The president shall have an ordinary vote and, when votes are equal, the casting vote."

There never was a vote. At the very end of the executive committee meeting. Havelange pre-sented his typed list of new appointees and removals, then declared the meeting over.

Almost at once, but almost alone, Jack Warner, the Trinidadian who heads CONCA-CAF — FIFA's North and Central American confederation - spoke of deals done behind people's backs. He was swatted aside. The committeemen trooped out without complaint or explanation. Even those who were fired were reduced to whispering that their "crime" had been to suggest early in the year that it might be time to replace their 78-year-old overlord.

Until the last few days, Havelange could say humbug to everyone. Then, in Rome, Lennart Johansson, UEFA's president, threatened that unless Havelange consults Europe's 49 soccer-playing nations in the future, UEFA could boycott the next World Cup, in France in 1998.

In Kuala Lumpur, 41 Asian countries will vote their general secretary, calling on Havelange to account for his unconstitutional behavior.

into autocracy," says Velappan. "Anything FIFA does by the back door creates problems for

the credibility of our leadership." Well said, sir. Bravely said in a world of yeasayers who, for a quiet Christmas, a quiet life. merely nod to Havelange's law.

Velappan might consider that he has little to: lose. He along with the general secretaries of Africa and North America, were removed from FIFA committees. But not only they. Paologous sarin, the Italian who was a close ally of FIFAS general secretary, Sepp Blatter in cleaning in the game at this summer's World Cup, was await along with others, from FIFA's committee of the seeing referces.

Johansson cites the switch of Antonio Matar-Jonansson cites of the Italian federation from the finance committee (which suited his train as a commercial and tax adviser) to the technical committee (where his knowledge is patchy).

Now Havelange might have answers. He might think it wise at this time to spare Matarrese undue suspicion should the accounts be questioned. Similarly, Havelange is cunning enough to see flaws in Johansson's own leadership. For a start, the European president quietly backed down in Las Vegas last Christmas, when Have-lange single-handedly barred Pelé from the World Cup draw ceremony.

Johansson swears he has just penned a letter to Havelange "that was a declaration of war" —but; didn't post it because his UEFA executive felt it? unwise. But, to show that Europe's wrath is roused, Johansson swears: "If FIFA does not heed our complaint next time it makes appointments"—a year and a half hence—"then it will be impossible for UEFA to stay within the FIFA organization."

WOW! I CAN SEE Havelange, in Rio de Janeiro, quaking about threats 18 months away, threats Johansson could never keep. To withdraw European countries from the profits' and glory of a World Cup would need their sanction - unless Johansson, too, thinks he has dictatorial powers.

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Indeed, Havelange can waft Johansson aside like a king clearing the air of cigar smoke simply by asking if Johansson sought UEFA authoriza-tion for his threats in Rome.

So until someone coordinates the five conti-Wednesday on a resolution by Peter Velappan, nents, until senior FIFA members inform the president that adherence to electoral processes is de rigueur, he will go imperiously on And he "We need more enlightened leadership from will, as many of you surely know, end up install-FIFA if we are to prevent world football slipping ing Ricardo Teixeira, his son-in-law and recently

'elected" vice president of FIFA, as his successor. The heads of the five confederations apparently feel impotent because, on April 5 in Zurich, they signed an agreement

endorsing Havelange as the sole;

candidate for a sixth consecu-

tive term as FIFA's president.

But is that a mandate for ar-.

ranging his own dynasty at the expense of meritocracy? Havelange admittedly builtup FIFA's house to unpreced dented prosperity. But he is an old man, not a god. His rule has always been riddled with self-. interest. Now, if he threatens to pull down that house, then you,

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Which it was written: "Dr. Havelange aims at consensus and not polemics in debate, listening and reasoning carefully."

Either make him listen, or tell him his time is up. Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times.

To our readers in France

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NFL Standings

an Championship.

Jean-Pierre Papin's shot in the 24th minute ended a goalless spell that had lasted almost 300

finals after a poor start of three 0-0 draws.

His half-hearted volley, off a cross from Reyn-

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group with six points, one behind Romania and Israel and two ahead of Poland. But France has pitch more suited to mud-wrestling than to soc- played one more match than the other three, with

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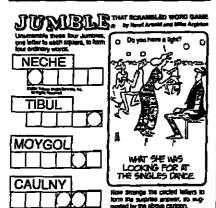
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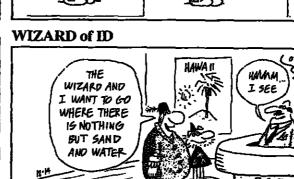
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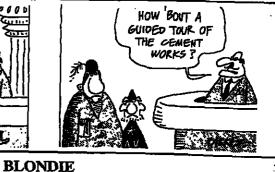
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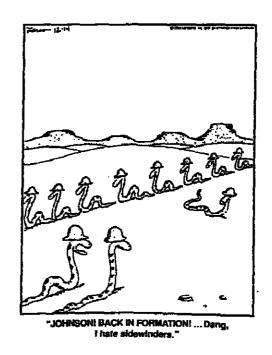






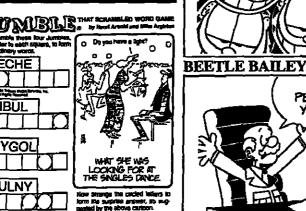


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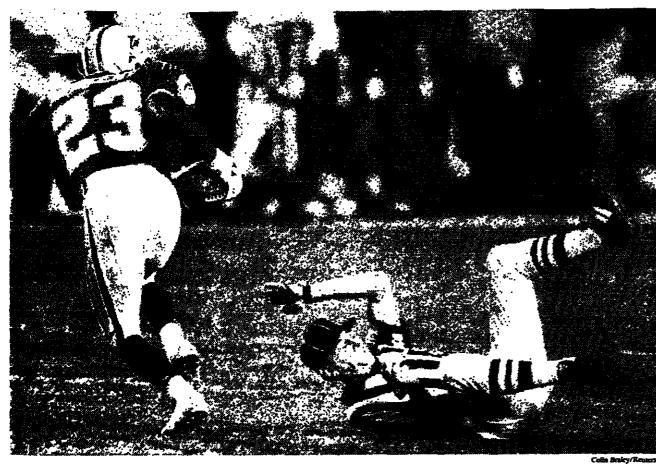


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Cornerback Troy Vincent knocked over an official as he was scoring on an interception; it flattened the Chiefs, too.

#### Nets Defeat Magic, by 27

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey — After playing like the National Basketball Association's best team for the first 18 games this season, the Orlando Magic were turned into mice by some unlikely wizards: the New Jersey Nets.

The Nets ended an eightgame losing streak against the Magic by shooting 61 percent in the first three quarters en route to a 128-101 rout Monday night.

Orlando came to the game with a league-best 15-3 record, a four-game winning streak and a run in which they had won 13 of 14. And all three losses were by two-point margins.

But the Nets succeeded vhere everyone else had failed Derrick Coleman scored 22 contributed toward New Jer- and contentious. sey's first triumph over Orlando eince March 4, 1993.

It was particularly horrible from the foul line. The Magic made 6 of 23 free throws, or 26.1 percent, the fourth lowest ever in an NBA game. Shaquille O'Neal was 2 of 11. He also had just five re-

bounds in 33 minutes. Anfernce Hardaway had one assist.

"It was just one of those nights," said O'Neal, using the expression many times.

By Joe Lapointe

New York Times Service NEW YORK - On Day 73 of their

labor lockout, the owners of the National

Hockey League teams drew a line in the

Instead of setting a so-called drop-dead

date for canceling their season if they don't

get a new collective bargaining agreement

with the Players Association, the league

was vague — sort of suggesting a point of no return, probably sometime this month. After a board of governors meeting in

New York on Monday, Commissioner

Gary Bettman announced that the al-

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### After a Long Night, Baseball **Continues Toward High Noon**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
RYE BROOK, New York — The major league baseball players "fundamentally" rejected the owners' latest contract offer Tuesday and didn't come back with a counterproposal, the Colorado Rockies' owner, Jerry McMorris, said.

Negotiators resumed talks at 11 A.M., about 10 hours after the sides recessed. They then met for two hours before the owners left the room and went back to their own caucus.

"They're meeting with the mediator now, deciding where we go next," McMorris said.

That followed an attempt to reach a negotiated settlement in the four-month-old labor dispoints and almost everyone pute that turned out to be long In what a management offi-

cial said was an often venomous meeting that went past mid-night, the owners ultimately gave the players union an extension until mid-morning Tues-day to accept or reject their the union continued to characterize in terms of a salary cap.

The owners, on Monday cht, had given no hint that they would extend their imple- table and the owners out of Chimentation deadline. They are cago probably prevented the still scheduled to meet in Chica-talks from dissolving during

go on Thursday to declare a bargaining impasse and unilaterally impose the salary cap union official said, "railed erally impose the salary cap proposal made on June 14. The union had yet to official-

ly reject the latest management proposal — made within the framework of the recent players' tax proposal, the owners insisted - but a union lawyer compared it to a Rube Goldberg contraption and said it contains the same spending deterrents the owners' high rate tax plan of Nov. 17 did and the same deterrents as the salary cap proposal the owners have kept on the table while juggling the tax plans.

"I wouldn't read anything into the fact that we're going late tonight," the Los Angeles Dodgers' pitcher, Orel Her-shiser, said during a dinner break after the sides had met jointly for about four hours Monday night and before they reconvened just before mid-night. "If the mediator wants to have a meeting and the owners are willing, we'll be there, but Sunday night tax proposal that we're still talking about issues that have been there since June."

Only the tenacious effort of special mediator William J. Usery to keep the sides at the

against the owners phony deadlines" and virtually pleaded with the owners not to wipe out 25 years of negotiations by implementing their "regressive salary cap proposal."

"At least no one got hurt in The Atlanta Braves' pitcher, Tom Glavine, said of the intense atmosphere as the sides broke for dinner.

Said union leader Donald Fehr: "There's nothing much I can say expect that I'm very

The union's associate counsel, Eugene Orza, said that after crunching numbers over night and throughout the day that their initial impression of the owners' latest proposal as another cap in disguise hadn't (AP, LAT)

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But that's a best-case scenario. Other

things could complicate this timetable. Building dates might not be available. The

union might insist on an off-day formula

to avoid overwork and too much travel in

too little time. Several of the participants

in Monday's meeting suggested that Dec.

last Tuesday, when they broke off in Chi-cago after Bettman reintroduced his de-

mand for a taxation on high payrolls. No new date has been set for talks, but it is

expected that both sides will return to the

No negotiations have been held since

25 is the more likely deadline.

bargaining table this week.

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### Dolphins Down the Chiefs, 45-28, To Clinch a Berth in the Playoffs

By Charlie Nobles

New York Times Service MIAMI - Don Shula is 1-0 coaching from a golf cart, and the Miami Dolphins are 9-5 and ading into the National Football League's playoffs.

The Dolphins, who had won just two of their last five games, scored three touchdowns during a six-minute span in the second baif on Monday night to defeat the Kansas City Chiefs, 45-28, at Joe Robbie Stadium.

The victory clinched at least a wild-card berth for the Dolphins, who need to win only one of their final two games - at Indianapolis and at home to Detriot - to clinch the American Football Conference East

Broncos in the AFC West. They fenders into the right corner. have lost four of their last five games and could miss the play-offs for the first time since 1989.

Shula, who sat in a golf cart and coached from the sideline after undergoing Achilles' tendon surgery last week, said, "There was some discomfort, but this may be the way to go after this game."

The Dolphins appeared to people, rumbled into the end the ball to a teammate, Troy

It was his eighth rushing touchdown in the NFL, but the first since he returned this season from Achilles' tendon sur-

City at the 50-yard line, Steve Bono, playing for the injured Joe Montana, threw a pass that was intercepted by Miami safety Gene Atkins at the Miami 24. break open the game midway Atkins tiptoed up the sideline, through the third quarter when they scored two touchdowns to middle of the field and the Miend a 14-14 tie. The first score ami 42-yard line. There, as he came when Dan Marino, of all was being tackled, he lateraled

The Chiefs (7-7), whose play-off hopes are fleeting, fell into a third-place tie with the Denver jaunt to make the score 28-14.

The Chiefs retaliated mickly. when Jon Vaughn took the ensning kickoff and raced 91 yards to make the score 28-21. It was the first kickoff return Then came the most bizarre for a touchdown against Miami play of the game. With Kansas since 1975 and the first for the Chiefs since 1987.

But Miami struck back in this explosive offensive show when it moved 75 yards in only 5 plays. Bernie Parmalee sprinted 47 yards for the touchdown with 36 seconds left in the third quarter, and it was 35-21.

In losing four of its last six games, Kansas City had averaged only 13.7 points.

### Hopefuls Abound in Muddy NFL Playoff Picture

Never in the history of the National Football League has the playoff picture been so muddy so late.

A week ago, 25 of the 28 teams remained in the playoff picture. Only the Washing-ton Redskins, the Cincinnati Bengals and the Houston Oilers had been eliminated.

Now, with just two weeks left in the regular season, 22 teams are still in contention. The only casualties last weekend were the Los Angeles Rams, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Seattle Seahawks. The picture is so complicated that the Bucs and the Seahawks were knocked out even though they won.

Only two teams, the San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys, have clinched division titles and the playoff berths that accompany them. Only two others, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Cleveland Browns, have clinched at least a wild-card

That leaves 18 teams fighting for eight berths. Every undecided division title can

be settled this weekend. Here is a quick look, division by division:

NFC EAST: The Cowboys can clinch a first-round bye by beating or tying the New Orleans Saints on Monday night, or by the Minnesota Vikings' losing to or tying the Detroit Lions on Saturday.

NFC CENTRAL: The Vikings win the division by beating the Lions. Even if the Vikings lose, they can get a wild card with two of the following four results occuring: a Green Bay loss or tie to Atlanta; a Chicago loss to the Los Angeles Rams; an Arizona loss or tie to Cincinnati; a Philadelphia loss or tie to the New York Giants. Chicago can chinch a playoff berth with a victory over Los Angeles and two of the following four results: a Philadelphia loss or tie to New York; a Detroit loss to Minnesota; a Green Bay loss or tie to Atlanta; an Arizona loss or tie to Cincinnati. Detroit gets a berth if it beats Minnesota and two of the following four results loss or tie to New York.

NFC WEST: The 49ers have earned a first-round bye and can clinch bome-field advantage throughout the playoffs by beating the Denver Broncos on Saturday

or by the Cowboys' losing to the Saints.

AFC EAST: Miami, having clinched a playoff berth, can win the division title by beating Indianapolis, or if it ties the Colts and New England loses at Buffalo. New England can clinch a playoff berth if it beats Buffalo and Kansas City loses to Houston, or beats Buffalo and the Los Angeles Raiders lose in Seattle.

AFC CENTRAL: The Steelers can win

the division Sunday by beating or tying the

Browns, their only challenger.

AFC WEST: San Diego can win the division by beating the New York Jets on Sunday. Even if the Chargers lose, they can win the title if the Raiders lose in Seattle and Denver loses or is tied in San Francisco. The Raiders can get a playoff berth occur: a Chicago loss in Los Angeles; a with a victory coupled with a Kansas City

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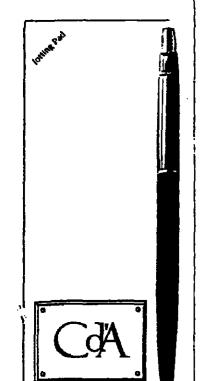
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Teams generally play 12 to 15 games per month during the regular season. That would mean they could probably play a 50-game schedule if they begin by Jan. 15.

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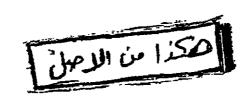
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#### **OBSERVER**

### Newt's Pal Warbucks

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — It's hard to see Little Orphan Annie. Oliver Warbucks has seen to that. First you have to find her agent. Then the agent says you have to see the lawyers. They're the best lawyers the Warbucks billions can afford. Absolute masters of inaction.

Luckily I had connections. Newt Gingrich, eager to bring back the orphanage way of life, went straight to Warbucks after I pointed out that publicity about Annie's fabulous career would be a shot in the arm for pro-orphanage legislation.

Lifting a powerful telephone, he said, "Get me Ollie Warbucks." It was done in an instant, "Daddy, baby!" cried the youthful but silver-haired speaker. Cupping a hand over the monthpiece, Gingrich whispered, It's all right to call him Daddy as long as you're getting the capital gains tax reduced."

Warbucks said send me over, and if his dogs didn't sniff any liberalism on me he'd speak to Annie on my behalf.

He was more genial than you'd expect. The election results had sweetened his mood. And not just because he anticipated big gravy from a forthcoming capital gains tax cut. Last summer Punjab and the

Asp had started annoying him with hints that they would like to retire if he could see his way clear to providing them with small pensions.

Since the California voting disclosed the depth of Ameri-cans' malice toward aliens, however, Warbucks has been tickled at how Punjab and the Asp have changed their tune.

Since the elections, both seem so eager to stay on his payroll that the great tycoon is thinking of cutting their salaries. Unless they take it with a smile, he may even downsize by firing one of them so Warbucks Industries can compete more efficiently in the international marketplace.

Emboldened, I asked about several matters that have long

troubled me: • Yes, his wardrobe does indeed consist entirely of tuxedos. He owns several thousand. All are made in Asia by child labor in accord with his belief that people can never be too young to

enjoy the fruits of the work ethic.

The glittering jewel always worn in his shirt front is no longer a real diamond, but a \$25 zircon. Too many diamonds popped out and were gobbled off the floor with a loud "Arf!" Sandy. When he accused Sandy of being in cahoots with a diamond thief, Annie became so angry that she smashed her Ovaltine shaker. To reduce tensions he switched to zircons.

The Warbucks geniality faded, however, when I asked about the immigration status of Punjab and the Asp. Had they become naturalized citizens? Or had Warbucks's obvious hatred for government regulation and bu-reaucracy made the process too distasteful for him to endure?

Did they at least have green cards? If, in fact, Punjab and the Asp were still illegally in this country, how did he deal with the Social Security problems that had tripped so many of

President Clinton's nominees. I had pushed him too far. "Little Orphan Annie is too busy to see you for the next 10 years. he said. "This interview will be concluded after the following

coded message is issued." He read off a series of numbers, which I ran through my Orphan Annie secret-message decoder back at the office: "Newt is right. Orphanages are the best places in the world for kids to be if they want a crack at being taken in by the world's Daddy Warbuckses and raised like princesses and princes. Don't forget to drink your

New York Times Service

### Robert Altman's Surreal Glimpse of Fashion World

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — With a wriggle, a wiggle and a giggle, Sophia Loren removes one silken stocking. Then the other. Right down to the still-luscious legs and voluptuous bosom, encased in a lacy corset. The audience at the premiere of Robert Altman's new movie naturally kept their eyes only on la Loren's lingerie.

For this was a fashion moment. Being there in the Ziegfeld Theatre on Monday meant unlocking the ro-man a clef of "Ready to Wear (Prêt-à-Porter)" -- the movie Altman shot at the Paris shows. There in the audience was Sonia Rykiel, flame-haired with an enigmatic smile and the outline of a bra in sequins on her sweater. And up on the screen, Anouk Aimée, smolder-ing with sex appeal, playing a Famous Female Fashion Designer mourning the death of her lover.

Above all, there was a chance for this fashion editor to spot herself: just the briefest flash, a fashion micro-second. The editors in fashion's real world don't get much of a show-ing, in spite of all that effort jockeying for position in front of the cameras and nosing up to Kim Basinger, playing a roving TV reporter. Altman sure got her right as your typical fashion journalist: all lissome limbs, blond hair and bee-stung lips from which pours honeyed drivel.

And oh for the life of the Julia Roberts character! She plays a whimsical journalist, who rolls around in bed, quaffs champagne, never bothers with the shows and is never asked by her editor to turn in a story. Laptop computers, notebooks and pens do not feature in the film any more than scissors and pins.

The fashion world had expected a coruscating, sardonic take on fashion. What we got was pure farce. Enter the cross-dressing retailer with a penchant for sugar pink Chanel. Exit (into a closet) the fashion editor who offers a star photographer her body in return for an exclusive contract. Death by ham sandwich (was that a Jewish joke?) for the fashion executive with terrible taste in ties. The plot is as obscure as the ending is transparent - a parade of models in

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the ultimate fashion show in which nobody wears anything at all.

"In the beginning we are nude, in the end we need nothing, fashion is what happens to you in between," was the message handed out as guests at the Roseland ballroom partied to disco music with a scarlet-clad (formerly known as) Prince.

"Ready to Wear" is totally surreal. with genuine fashion shows, events and people interspersed with caricatures. Altman seems to have missed the point: that fashion itself is surreal without all that cinematic effort. People slipping in dog's mess? Well, that's not half as devastating as someone dropping a felt pen on your new Prada shoes. Why mock up a fashion show in a Metro (been there, done that years ago) but fail to record on camera the moment at Jean-Paul Gaultier's show when the audience started choking on the fumes from the fake snow?

"I don't know what to say -it's a comedy, very droll. It's not a critique of fashion, it is a total fiction," said Gaultier, who made his entrance in a tiger-print jacket with Lauren Bacall.

"I was cut!" claimed Bacall. "A lot of the scenes that made my character add up to more were gone." She plays a fashion editor ousted for a younger model (while Sally Kellerman and Tracey Ullman are competing for the favors of the photographer).

For fashion folks, the film just didn't come off - either as an extended skit, or as a bitchy or brutal dissection of the industry. Although Altman started the evening by telling the audience to "giggle and give in and enjoy it," the laughter came in trickles rather than torrents. Ironically, the most riveting bits of the movie were the polished excerpts

from the real fashion shows. Vivienne Westwood pronounced herself bemused. Nino Cerruti (who had costumed many of the characters) described it as "an amusing film," but wondered what a nonfashion audience would make of it. Most people did not think that Altman had done for fashion with "Ready to Wear" what he did to the U. S. Army in "M+A+S+H" or for Hollywood in "The Player."









At the premiere, clockwise from top left: Bacall and Gaultier, Altman, Basinger and Loren.

"The Player' had more story — this is a celebration — it's only because of the paranoia of fashion people that they thought it would be something else," claimed Altman.
"As a film, he has been able to

catch aspects of fashion in a naive way - re-editing the shows as surreal, but not getting inside the heads," said Giantranco Ferré, who sat next to Sophia Loren, her bosom heaving in a black lace Dior dress he had designed for her.

Loren said that the joy of the film for her was working again with Mar-cello Mastroianni (who falls asleep

people said that they found her caricature of haute couture elegance one of the gems of the movie. Kellerman, chic in a white Donna Karan pantsuit, said her best fun was being locked in a closet with Mastroianni. Karan don't think the movie is really an inpraised the naked fashion show as the "ultimate fashion statement," while her daughter Gaby said that her moth-

Like life imitating art, the party aped the movie, with Spanish actress Rossy de Palma (a couture assistant in the film) gyrating round the dance floor in a dress made out of a Spanish while she does her striptease). Many shawl worn with a garter belt. Drag

er was mad because she had for years

harbored the same nude-show idea.

queens posed for the paparazzi and models posed for each other. At the end, Rupert Everett, Anouk Aimee's son in the movie, wrapped himself into a Russian greatcoat to face the frosty Manhattan night. "I

depth microscopic view of the fash-ion industry," he said. "It's about using fashion motifs for a Feydeantype farce about characters in a comedy of errors."
But in all the fun and frolics, the real emotion of fashion, the drama of creation, the orgasms of excitement,

even the visual energy, seem to have

hit the cutting room floor.

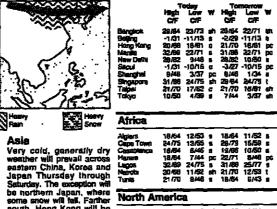
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GOOD and bad vibrations: The lead singer of the Beach Boys, Mike Love, will be some millions of dollars richer after a jury in Los Angeles found that he deserved to be credited on 35 songs and was owed past and future royalties. The jury also said that Brian Wilson, the band's cofounder, had failed to give Love 30 percent of a \$10 million settlement for the sale of the seminal '60s group's songs. After the trial. Love accused Wilson's advisers of taking advantage of the musician, who has long undergone treatment for psychiatric

The Duchess of York, who is visiting Portugal to support a local AIDS charity. for the disease. The duchess, 35, who is separated from Prince Andrew, the second son of Queen Elizabeth II, told a Lisbon newspaper that she underwent AIDS tests before her marriage and before conceiving each of her two children. "People must be more open about the disease," Fergie said.

The movie director Steven Spielberg will be the guest of honor at the 20th former royal family of Gwalior, has mar-



**PEOPLE** 

Fergie with an AIDS patient Tuesday.

edition of the annual Cesar awards, the French equivalent of the Oscars, on Feb. 25. Alain Delon will preside over the cere-

ried Rajkumari Priyadharshi Raje, daugh-ter of the former Maharajah of Baroda, in what has been called India's society wedding of the decade. Among those attending were Prime Minister P.V. Narasimba Rao,

King Jigme Singye Wangchuk of Bhutan and Sonia Gandhi, the widow of former

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Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The dissident Vietnamese writer Duong Thu Huong was awarded the French Order of Arts and Letters for her work in fighting for human rights in her country. Culture Minister Jacques Toubon, who bestowed the honor, received a "lively" letter from Hanoi protesting the award, sources said,

Woody Allen flew into the Sicilian resort of Taormina on a private jet to film a scene in his latest film, but declined to talk about. the project. The 59-year-old Allen was accompanied by his girlfiend Soon-Yi Previn, 23, the adopted daughter of his estranged wife. Mia Farrow. Olympia Dukakis and Helena Bonham Carter are acting in the scene. It was the first time that Allen has shot in Italy.



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